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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in

## METHOD OF PRODUCING HYDROGEN STORAGE ALLOYS

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on  
February 15, 2001 ~~18~~x ; and

Whereas, THE JAPAN STEEL WORKS, LTD. of 1-2, Yurakucho 1-chome,  
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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to  
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Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

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