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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Masato Onishi *, a citizen of *Japan*, whose post office address is *555, Sakaijyuku, Kosai-shi, Shizuoka 431-0452 JAPAN*, Hideo Asaka *, a citizen of Japan*, whose post office address is 555, Sakaijyuku, Kosai-shi, Shizuoka 431-0452 JAPAN*, Katsuyuki Tomioka *, a citizen of Japan*, whose post office address is 555, Sakaijyuku, Kosai-shi, Shizuoka 431-0452 JAPAN*, and *Noriyuki Fujioka *, a citizen of *Japan*, whose post office address is *555, Sakaijyuku, Kosai-shi, Shizuoka 431-0452 JAPAN *, hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNORS, have invented a certain improvement relating to

"SHORT CIRCUIT INSPECTION METHOD FOR
* BATTERY AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING BATTERIES"

for which they have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

AND WHEREAS, MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Japan, whose post-office address is 1006, Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka 571-8501 JAPAN and TOYOTA JIDOSHA KABUSHIKI KAISHA, whose post office address is 1, Toyota-cho, Toyota-shi, Aichi 471-8571 JAPAN, are desirous of becoming joint owners with each having a half undivided interest, and are hereinafter known as the ASSIGNEES, are desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to said invention and application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues, and prolongations thereof.

NOW, THIS WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, said ASSIGNORS hereby assign, sell and transfer to said ASSIGNEES, their assigns and legal representatives, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and application, for the United States including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, said ASSIGNEES and their assigns and legal representatives to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said invention and application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges, and advantages in any ways arising from or pertaining thereto, for and during the term or terms of any and all such Letters Patent when granted, including any and all renewals, reissues, and prolongations thereof, for the use and benefit of said ASSIGNEES and their assigns and legal representatives in as ample and beneficial a manner to all intents and purposes as the said ASSIGNORS might or could have held and enjoyed the same, if this assignment had not been made.

AND said ASSIGNORS hereby agree to execute all papers necessary to file applications in the United States for said invention and to assign the same to said ASSIGNEES, or any assignee acquiring title to said invention, and to execute any other papers that may be needed in connection with filing said application and securing Letters Patent thereon.

AND said ASSIGNORS authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue Letters Patent on said application, and on any and all divisions and continuations thereof, to said ASSIGNEES, their assigns and legal representatives, in accordance herewith.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this assignment is executed by said ASSIGNORS, on the respective dates indicated below.

Witnessed by:

Name Date

Masato Onishi Dec. 22, 2000
Masato Onishi Date

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Hideo Asaka Dec. 22, 2000
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