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In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Hiroo Okubo, having an address at c/o Nissei Plastic Industrial Co., Ltd., 2110, Oaza-minamijo, Sakaki-machi, Hanishina-gun, Nagano-ken, Japan; Junichi Yamashita, having an address at c/o Nissei Plastic Industrial Co., Ltd., 2110, Oaza-minamijo, Sakaki-machi, Hanishina-gun, Nagano-ken, Japan; and Isamu Yamaguchi, having an address at c/o Nissei Plastic Industrial Co., Ltd., 2110, Oaza-minamijo, Sakaki-machi, Hanishina-gun, Nagano-ken, Japan; hereby sell and assign to NISSEI PLASTIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD., a Japanese corporation having a principal place of business at 2110, Oaza-minamijo, Sakaki-machi, Hanishina-gun, Nagano-ken, Japan, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest, including the right to claim priority under the International Convention, throughout the United States, its territories and all foreign countries in and to our invention in

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and the application for United States Letters Patent therefor filed on March 29, 2001, Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, and such patents as may issue thereon, and all divisions, reissues and continuations and continuations-in-part thereof.

And we hereby covenant that we have full right to make such assignment, and agree for ourselves and our executors and administrators that we will, at the expense of said NISSEI PLASTIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD., execute all applications for patents in foreign countries, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and re-examination applications, make all rightful oaths, sign all lawful papers, testify in any proceeding in which said invention or any application or patent directed thereto may be involved, and generally do everything possible to aid said NISSEI PLASTIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD., its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in the United States, its territories and all foreign countries.

And we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue all Letters Patent on said invention or resulting therefrom to NISSEI PLASTIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD., its successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals.

Hiroo Okubo  
Hiroo Okubo

Date: March 2, 2001

Witness:

  
Marina Onishi

Date: March 2, 2001

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals.

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Date: March 2, 2001

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