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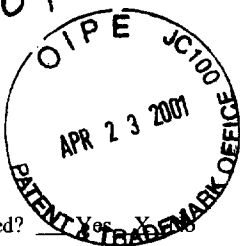
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **Shinji HAYAKAWA**, a citizen of Japan, whose post office address is c/o Asahi Kogaku Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha, 36-9 Maenochō 2-chome, Itabashi-ku, Tokyo 174-8639 Japan, hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNOR, has invented a certain improvement relating to

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If this Assignment is filed after the filing date of the above-identified application, the undersigned hereby authorize and request any one of the attorneys of record in this application, including Neil F. Greenblum, Reg. No. 28,394, Bruce H. Bernstein, Reg. No. 29,027, Arnold Turk, Reg. No. 33,094, and James L. Rowland, Reg. No. 32,674, of the firm Greenblum & Bernstein, P.L.C., whose address is 1941 Roland Clarke Place, Reston, Virginia 20191, to insert here in parenthesis (Application No. 09/765,395, filed January 22, 2001) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

AND WHEREAS, **Asahi Kogaku Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Japan, whose post-office address is 36-9 Maenochō 2-chome, Itabashi-ku, Tokyo 174-8639 Japan, hereinafter known as the ASSIGNEE, is 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.

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AND said ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to execute all papers necessary to file applications in the United States for said invention and to assign the same to said ASSIGNEE, 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 ASSIGNOR authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue Letters Patent on said application, and on any and all divisions and continuations thereof, to said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives, in accordance herewith.

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

Witnessed by:

Eiichi Ohashi 3/14/2001
Name Date

Shinji HAYAKAWA
Shinji HAYAKAWA

March 14, 2001
Date

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