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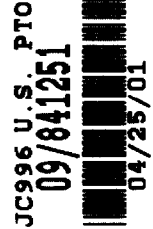
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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in

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and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on April 12, 2001 ~~XX~~ ; and

Whereas, HONDA GIKEN KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA

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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

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