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IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of One Dollar(\$1.00) or the equivalent thereof, and other good and valuable consideration paid to Yasushi ITO and Akira IRIE,

citizens of Japan by Hitachi Via Mechanics, Ltd., a corporation organized under the laws of Japan,

located at 2100, Kamiimaizumi, Ebina-shi, Japan,

receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said Yasushi ITO and Akira IRIE,

do hereby sell and assign to said Hitachi Via Mechanics, Ltd.,

~~their~~ successors and assigns, all our right, title and interest, in and for the United States of America, ~~its~~ in and to "PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD PROCESSING MACHINE"

invented by us and described in the application for United States Letters Patent therefor, executed on even date herewith,

and all United States Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, and all divisions, continuations and extentions thereof, the said interest being the entire ownership of the said Letters Patent when granted, to be held and enjoyed by said Hitachi Via Mechanics, Ltd.,

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And we hereby agree to sign and execute any further documents or instruments which may be necessary, lawful, and proper in the prosecution of said above-named application or in the preparation and prosecution of any continuing, continuation-in-part, substitute, divisional, renewal, reviewed or reissue applications or in any amendment, extention, or interference proceedings, or otherwise to secure the title thereto in said assignee;

And we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said Hitachi Via Mechanics, Ltd.

Signed on the dates indicated aside our signatures:

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