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Insert Name(s)
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Masahiro SAMEI, Kazunori MATSUO, Tomoyuki NOGUCHI and Yukinori HARA

the undersigned hereby sell(s) and assign(s) to

Insert Name(s)
of Assignee(s)

Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.

Address

of 1006, Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka, 571-8501, Japan

(hereinafter designated as the Assignee) the entire right, title and interest for the United States as defined in 35 USC 100, in the invention known as

Title of
Invention

FIXING DEVICE

for which an application for patent in the United States has been executed by the undersigned

on March 21, 2001

Date of Signing
of Application

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with this application and any continuing, divisional or reissue applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared concerning this application or continuation, division or reissue thereof and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers and documents and perform any act which may be necessary in connection with claims or provisions of the International Convention for Protection of Industrial Property or similar agreements.

The undersigned agree(s) to perform all affirmative acts which may be necessary to obtain a grant of a valid United States patent to the Assignee.

The undersigned hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patents of the United States resulting from said application or any division or divisions or continuing or reissue applications thereof to the said Assignee, as Assignee of the entire interest, and hereby covenants that he has (they have) full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he has (they have) not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

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Date March 21, 2001

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This _____ day of _____, 19____, before me personally came the above-named _____ to me personally known as the individual(s) who executed the foregoing assignment, who did acknowledge to me that he (they) executed the same of his (their) own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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Applicant Reference Number P24164-01 (I.S. Hasegawa) Atty Docket No. 2000-1618A

Title of Invention FIXING DEVICE