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WHEREAS, The ASSIGNOR, comprising the following named inventor(s):

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have invented and owns a certain invention entitled:

FLUORESCENT LAMP LIGHTING APPARATUS

for which application for Letters Patent of the United States was executed on even date herewith,
and

WHEREAS, the ASSIGNEE:

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is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and the United States Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereunto set their hands and seal

this 27th day of April, 2001.

1. Hiroki Nakagawa
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