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Eiichi FUKIHARU

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NEC Corporation
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(hereinafter called "ASSIGNEE"), the entire worldwide right, title and interest in and to the invention known as:

Front lighting Unit and Liquid Crystal Display

for which a United States Patent Application was executed on April 24, 2001 and all rights and privileges under any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including all rights, if any, throughout the entire world to sue for all past infringements which may have occurred before the execution of this assignment.

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