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Whereas, TAIYO TECHNO CO., LTD. of 31-1, Nihonbashi-hamacho 2-come, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103, Japan, corporation organized and existing under the law of Japan (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEES"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said Letters Patent;

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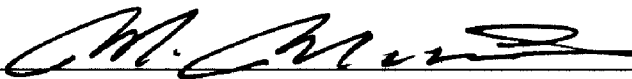
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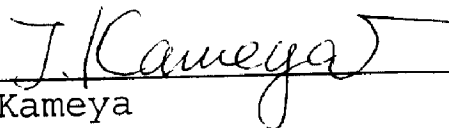
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