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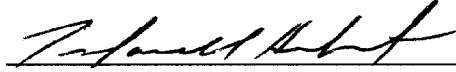
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In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or equivalent and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned: Toshiaki Shimakura, Motohiro Sasaki, Katsuyoshi Yamasoe, Hiromasa Nomura, Hiroshi Kanai, and Kouhei Ueda, the undersigned hereby sell(s) and assign(s) to Nippon Paint Co., LTD. (the Assignee) his/her entire right, title and interest

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in the invention(s) known as Nonchromate Metallic Surface-Treating Agent, Method for Surface Treatment, and Treated Steel Material for which application(s) for patent in the United States of America has (have) been executed by the undersigned on April 12, 2001 (also known as United States Application No. 09/793,710, filed February 27, 2001), in any and all applications thereon in any and all Letters Patent(s) therefor, and in any and all reissues, extensions, renewals, reexaminations, divisions and continuations of such applications or Letters Patent(s) to the full end of the term or terms for which such Letters patent(s) issue, such entire right, title and interest to be held and enjoyed by the above-named Assignee the same as they would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned had this assignment and sale not been made.

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