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FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION given to Takayuki KONO hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNOR(S), who has/have invented a certain improvement relating to:
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for which I/we has/have executed an application for Letters Patent to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

AND WHEREAS, **Kabushiki Kaisha Meiki Seisakusho**, a corporation of **Japan** whose post office address/business address is: **2, Ohne, Kitasaki-cho, Ohbu-shi, Aichi-ken, Japan**, hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest for the United States and elsewhere throughout the world in and to said application and the invention disclosed therein, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent in the United States and throughout world which may be granted therefor, including any and all divisions, continuations, reexaminations, renewals, reissues and/or extensions thereof.

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By: Takayuki Kono July 27, 2001
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