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WHEREAS, I, Chikashi KONDO, a citizen of Japan, residing at **12-8, Miwada 5-chome, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka 811-0212 Japan**, am the sole inventor of the invention entitled **NEEDLE PROTECTING CAP AND NEEDLE DISPOSAL INSTRUMENT**, described in a application for U.S. Letters Patent Serial No. 09/463,752, filed January 27, 2000;

WHEREAS, Noboru HAKOZAKI, a citizen of Japan, residing at **8-5-807, Minamihachiman-cho 2-chome, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka-ken, Japan**; **Hideaki YAMADA**, a citizen of Japan, residing at **1290-3, Nonaka-machi, Kurume-shi, Fukuoka-ken, Japan**; **Kazuhisa MATSUMOTO**, a citizen of Japan, residing at **1332-3, Hirai-machi, Matsuyama-shi, Ehime-ken, Japan**; and **Chisho HAGIO**, a citizen of Japan, residing at **3-4, Meinohama 5-chome, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka-shi, Fukuoka-ken, Japan**, are desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforementioned invention, said patent application and the Letters Patent maturing therefrom and the aforesaid **Chikashi KONDO** is willing to transfer all of his entire right, title and interest in and to the aforementioned invention, said patent application and said U.S. Letters Patent to the aforesaid **Noboru HAKOZAKI, Hideaki YAMADA, Kazuhisa MATSUMOTO** and **Chisho HAGIO**;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said **Chikashi KONDO** has sold,

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