

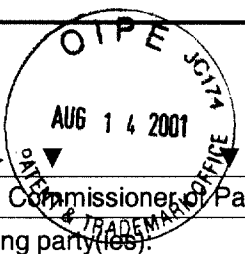
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Kazuo KOUMURA, Masao SAITOU, Masayuki KUWATA and Muneo KUSAFUKA of, c/o AISIN AW CO., LTD., 10, Takane, Fujii-cho, Anjo-shi, Aichi-ken, 444-1192, Japan have invented certain improvements in "LOCK-UP CONTROL FOR AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION" set forth in an application for Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, AISIN AW CO., LTD., 10, Takane, Fujii-cho, Anjo-shi, Aichi-ken, 444-1192, Japan is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, WE, Kazuo KOUMURA, Masao SAITOU, Masayuki KUWATA and Muneo KUSAFUKA by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto AISIN AW CO., LTD., its successors, legal representatives, heirs and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in the United States of America said application executed on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, (and we hereby authorize our attorneys, authorized to prosecute said application, to here insert the filing date and serial number of said application, when known: Serial No. 09/838,579 Filed April 20, 2001) to all Patents in the United States which may be granted on said application, to all divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, or reissues or extensions of said Patent, all applications for Patent and all Patent therefor, to be held and enjoyed by AISIN AW CO., LTD., for its use and behoof and for its legal representatives, successors, heirs, and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Patent are granted and any extensions thereof, as fully and entirely as the

same would have been held by ourselves had this assignment and sale not been made; and for the same consideration, we hereby covenant and agree that, at the time of execution and delivery of this instrument, we hold good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the application for Patent above mentioned in the manner herein set forth; and for the same consideration we hereby covenant and agree that we will, whenever counsel of AISIN AW CO., LTD., or the counsel of its successors, legal representatives, heirs or assigns, shall advise that any proceeding in connection with said application for Patent, or any proceeding in connection with Patent in the United States, including interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable, or that any division, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application for Patent, or any reissue or extension of any Patent to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable, sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths, and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement and defense of said Patent, without charge to ourselves, our successors, legal representatives, heirs and assigns, but at the cost and expense of AISIN AW CO., LTD., its successors, legal representatives, heirs and assigns; and we hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Patent to AISIN AW CO., LTD., as assignee thereof.

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Masayuki KUWATA date

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