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WHEREAS, Sankyo Seiki Mfg. Co. Ltd, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Japan and having a place of business at 5329 Shimosuwa-machi, Suwa-gun, Nagano-ken 393, Japan (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and in, to and under Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

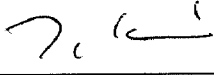
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Takayuki Narita
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Date: Jul 26, 2001


Signature of Witness

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