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## **ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, we, Byung Kee Kim of 304-1006, Towol Sungwon Apt., Sangnam-dong, Changwon-shi, Kyungsangnamdo, 641-010, Republic of Korea, Chul Jin Choi of 210-1401, Hyundai Apt., Banlim-dong, Changwon-shi, Kyungsangnamdo 641-180, Republic of Korea, and Xing Long Dong of 39-9, Choongang-dong, Changwon-shi, Kyungsangnamdo 641-843, Republic of Korea have invented certain new and useful improvements for a *Method of Producing Nd-Fe-B based Nanophase Powder* for which we executed an application for Letters Patent in the United States identifying us as the only inventors thereof said application being assigned serial number 09/863,640 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and identified as Howell & Haferkamp, L.C., Docket 16728-7820; and

WHEREAS, Korea Institute of Machinery and Materials, a company operating under the laws of Republic of Korea having its principal office and place of business at 66, Sangnam-dong, Changwon-shi, Kyungsangnamdo 641-010, Republic of Korea, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements as disclosed in said application, in and to said application, and in and to the patent to be obtained thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of all of which are hereby acknowledged, we, Byung Kee Kim, Chul Jin Choi, and Xing Long Dong have sold, assigned and transferred and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Korea Institute of Machinery and Materials, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements as the same are disclosed in said application which was executed by us in and to said application, and in and to any Letters Patent, including divisionals, continuations, reissues, reexaminations and extensions to be obtained therefor in the United States and all foreign countries; and we further agree to cooperate with the assignee hereunder in the obtaining and sustaining of any and all such Letters Patent as the assignee may desire to apply for, but at the expense of said assignee.

The Commissioner of Patents or other proper official is hereby authorized and requested to issue said Letters Patent to said Korea Institute of Machinery and Materials in accordance with this Assignment.

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August , 2001.

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