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JOINT

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Harumitsu MIYASHITA, Junichi MINAMINO, Hiromichi ISHIBASHI, Shigeru FURUMIYA and Masahito NAKAO respectively citizens of Japan, with respective post office addresses of 5-15-B101, Niina, Mino-shi, Osaka 562-0005 Japan, 3-4-4, Tezukayama, Nara-shi, Nara 631-0062 Japan, 6-H-503, Tennou 2-chome, Ibaraki-shi, Osaka 567-0876 Japan, 1-11-22-2, Tsujii, Himeji-shi, Hyogo 670-0083 Japan and Shoukouryou 309, 25-3, Midoucho, Kadoma-shi, Osaka 571-0064 Japan, hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNORS," have invented a certain new and useful

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for which	h we have executed	a United States	s patent application, Application No
filed	Herewith	, 2000	s and

ASSIGNORS authorize ASSIGNEE or ASSIGNEE's representative to insert the Application Number and Filing date of this application if they are unknown at the time of execution of this Assignment.

WHEREAS, MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD., a Japanese corporation having a place of business at 1006, Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka 571-8501 Japan, hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNEE", is desirous of acquiring said invention and said patent application.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable executed consideration, the full receipt and sufficiency of all of which are hereby acknowledged and intending to be legally bound hereby, we, the undersigned ASSIGNORS, hereby agree to sell, assign, transfer and convey and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the above-named ASSIGNEE, the whole and entire right, title and interest

in and to said invention as described in the above patent application, for the territory of the United States and its possessions and territories and all foreign countries;

in and to the above patent application and any and all related United States and foreign patent applications disclosing said invention, including provisionals, non-provisionals, divisions and continuations thereof, along with all rights of priority created by said patent application under any treaty relating thereto; and

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