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I, **Tomihisa Nadabe**, a citizen of JAPAN, residing at 555-12 Fukakusazyukyuku-Cho, Fushimi-Ku, Kyoto-City, Kyoto, Japan; and

I, **Naoki Tani**, a citizen of JAPAN, residing at Esaka-Haidensu-1002, 2-1-8 Esaka-Cho, Suita-City Osaka, Japan

(hereinafter called "ASSIGNORS") in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or the equivalent thereof, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, paid to us by:

Ohno Co., Ltd.;
Kawashima-Orimono Co., Ltd.; and
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corporations organized under the laws of Japan, located at 5-15-1 Harayamadai, Sakai-City, Osaka, Japan; 265 Shizuichiichiharacho Sakyoku, Kyoto-City, Kyoto, Japan; and, 4-7-23 Meieki, Nakamuraku, Nagoya-City, Aichi, Japan, respectively (hereinafter called the "ASSIGNEES"), do hereby sell and assign a respective one-third undivided interest to each said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, all our rights, title and interest, **throughout the world, including priority rights**, in and to our invention entitled:

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