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The attached Assignment of Application form concerns an assignment as follows:

(1) Parties Conveying Their Interests:

Muneki HAMASHIMA (Individual), Akihiro GOTO (Individual) and Hiroshi NISHIMURA (Individual)

(2) Name & Address of Party Receiving Interests Conveyed:

NIKON CORPORATION
Fuji Building, 2-3 Marunouchi 3-chome
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN

(3) The Interests Conveyed:

The full and exclusive right to the invention disclosed in the below-identified patent application and the entire right, title and interest in and to any patent which may be granted therefor.

(4) The application(s) against which the attached assignment is to be recorded:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/216,598

Filed: December 18, 1998

(5) Correspondence Address:

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(7) Number of Applications Identified on this COVER SHEET: 1 Application is identified on this COVER SHEET.

(8) Date of Assignment Execution: December 14, 1998

(9) A Fee of \$40.00 has been attached hereto.

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ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION

In Re Application of: Muneki Hamashima, et al.

Attorney Docket No.:001.0073

For: ELECTRON BEAM TYPE INSPECTION DEVICE AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

Whereas, the below-named individuals,

Muneki Hamashima, an employee or agent of NIKON CORPORATION, and a resident of Urayasu-shi Chiba-ken, JAPAN, having a post office address of c/o Nikon Corporation (Intellectual Property Headquarters), Fuji Bldg., 2-3, Marunouchi 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN;

Akihiro Goto, an employee or agent of NIKON CORPORATION, and a resident of Setagaya-ku Tokyo, JAPAN, having a post office address of c/o Nikon Corporation (Intellectual Property Headquarters), Fuji Bldg., 2-3, Marunouchi 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN; and

Hiroshi Nishimura, an employee or agent of NIKON CORPORATION, and a resident of Zushi-shi, Kanagawa-ken, JAPAN, having a post office address of c/o Nikon Corporation (Intellectual Property Headquarters), Fuji Bldg., 2-3, Marunouchi 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN, hereafter referred to as "applicant(s)," have invented certain new and useful improvements in a:

ELECTRON BEAM TYPE INSPECTION DEVICE AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

for which an application for a United States Patent was executed herewith; and

Whereas NIKON CORPORATION, herein referred to as "assignee" whose post office address is Fuji Bldg., 2-3, Marunouchi 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, JAPAN, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the same from the applicant(s);

Now, therefore, in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1), the receipt whereof is acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, applicant(s), by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said assignee the full and exclusive right in and to said invention in the United States and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Patents which may be granted therefor in the United States. Applicant(s) hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said United States Patent(s) to said assignee, of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the same, for his sole use and enjoyment; and for the use and enjoyment of his legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made.

We hereunto set our hands this 14th day of December, 1998:

Muneki Hamashima
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