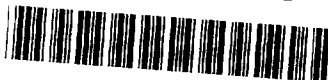


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WHEREAS, We, Katsuyuki Tabata, Fusaki Fujibayashi, and Masanori Aimu, residing at 755 Nakamaki, Okayama-shi, Okayama-ken; 1174-126 Tsurajima, Tsurajima-cho, Kurashiki-shi, Okayama-ken; and 4-18-10 Haraojima, Okayama-shi, Okayama-ken, Japan, as assignors have made an invention entitled, **Membrane Electrode Assembly With Solid Polymer Electrolyte** for which We have filed application for U.S. Letters Patent (serial no. 09/871,150); and whereas JAPAN GORE-TEX, INC., of Okayama-ken, Japan, whose address is 1102-4 Kouchi, Mitsu-cho, Mitsu-Gun, Okayama-ken 709-2123, Japan, as assignee, is desirous of securing the entire right, title, and interest in and to this invention in all countries throughout the world, and in and to the application for United States Letters Patent on this invention and the Letters Patent to be issued upon this application;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that for good and valuable consideration the receipt of which from assignee is hereby acknowledged, We as assignors, have sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, our entire rights, titles, and interests in and to this invention and this application, and all divisions, and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon, and all reissues thereof, and all rights to claim priority on the basis of such application, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for this invention in any foreign country and all Letters Patent which may be granted on this invention in any foreign country, and all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof; and We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States and any official of any foreign country whose duty it is to issue Patents on applications as described above, to issue all Letters Patent for this invention to assignee, its successors and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement;

AND, We hereby covenant that We have the full right to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment, and We have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict with this Assignment;

AND, We hereby further covenant and agree that We will, without further consideration, communicate with assignee, its successors and assigns, any facts known to us respecting this invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers when called up to do so, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to this invention in said assignee, its successors and assigns, execute all divisional, continuation, and reissue application, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce patent protection for this invention in the United States and any foreign country, it being understood that any expense incident to the execution of such papers shall be borne by the assignee, its successors and assigns.

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Fusaki Fujibayashi  
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 30 day of  
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Masanori Aimu  
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