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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in  
EARTH CONNECTION STRUCTURE, EARTH CONNECTING MEMBER AND EARTH  
CONNECTION METHOD

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on  
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Whereas, NEC Corporation, 7-1, Shiba 5-chome,  
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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and  
invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

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