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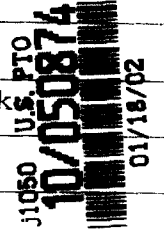
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303 KM-Haitsu, 3361-15 Komanyuicho, Utsunomiya-shi, Tochiqi-ken, Japan

hereby sell, assign and transfer to Nifco Inc. a corporation existing under the laws of Japan

located at 184-1 Maioka-cho, Totsuka-ku, Yokohama 244-8522, Japan

and its successors, assigns, and legal representatives the entire right, title, and interest for all countries including the United States of America, in and to certain inventions relating to _____

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