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have invented certain new and useful improvements in: IMAGE FORMING TONER, AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS USING THE TONER

for which an application for Letters Patent was executed on December 25 and 28, 2001 and January 8, 2002

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of FIVE DOLLARS ($5.00), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, I (WE), by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, substitutions and renewals thereof.

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