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WHEREAS, **NIKKO MATERIALS COMPANY, LIMITED**, a Japanese corporation and engaged in business at 10-1, Toranomom 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 105-8407 Japan, hereinafter referred to as **ASSIGNEE**, is desirous of acquiring the said invention and any and all applications for Letters Patent and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be issued therefor;

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And **ASSIGNORS** hereby authorize and direct its attorneys to insert, in the space provided below, the serial number and filing date of the aforesaid application for Letters Patent of the United States when the same shall have been made known to them by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.