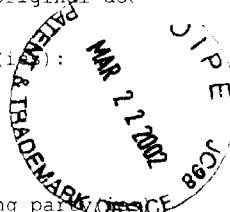




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WHEREAS, We, Takamasa Tsumoto, Hiroyuki Kurata, Hiroaki Nakagawa, and Minoru Fujita, Japanese citizens, all of us, residing at the same address of 1-2, Waki 6-chome, Waki-cho, Kuga-gun, Yamaguchi-ken, Japan, respectively,

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