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IN CONSIDERATION of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or the equivalent thereof, and other good and valuable consideration paid to Katsumi TADA, Nachiro KOIZUMI, and Hisashi TAKATORI,

citizens of Japan by HITACHI, LTD., and Hitachi Systems & Services, Ltd., corporations organized under the laws of Japan,

located at 6, Kanda Surugadai 4-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan, and 2-16, Omori-kita 3-chome, Ota-ku, Tokyo, Japan, respectively,

receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said Katsumi TADA, Naohiro KOIZUMI, and Hisashi TAKATORI, do hereby sell and assign to said HITACHI, LTD., and Hitachi Systems & Services, Ltd..

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