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WHEREAS, I, Ikuo NOGUCHI a subject of Japan, of c/o Kabushiki Kaisha TOPCON, 75-1, Hasunuma-cho, Itabashi-ku, Tokyo-to, Japan have invented a certain improvement in

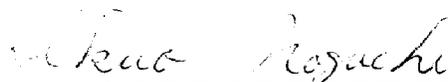
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for which I am about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Kabushiki Kaisha TOPCON of 75-1 Hasunuma-cho, Itabashi-ku, Tokyo-to, Japan, a company organized according to the laws of Japan, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, said Ikuo NOGUCHI, by these presents, do sell, assign and transfer unto said Kabushiki Kaisha TOPCON, the entire right title and interest for the territory of the United States of America, in and to said invention as described in the specification executed by me on the 28th day of March, 2002 preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefore; said invention, application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by the said Kabushiki Kaisha TOPCON, for its own use and behoof, and for its legal representatives and assign to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made.

Executed at Tokyo-to, Japan this 28th day of March, 2002
In the presence of



Ikuo NOGUCHI