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(herein called "THE UNDERSIGNED") have made an invention and have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on for this invention, which application is entitled  
**OPTICAL DISK AND METHOD OF MAGNETICALLY SEPARATING TRACKS OF THE OPTICAL DISK**

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Name of Corporation

AND WHEREAS Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. (herein called "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized under the laws of Japan, and having an office and place of business at 1006-banchi, Oaza-Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka 571-8501, JAPAN,

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Yasushi Hozumi                      April 10, 2002  
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