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Yasuyuki SATO, Toshinori IMAI and Akinori NISHIE of Okayama, Japan

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Tazmo Co., Ltd.

a corporation of **Okayama, Japan**, having a place of business at
6186, Kinoko-cho, Ibara-shi, Okayama, Japan

, respectively, its successors, assigns or nominees, hereinafter referred to as "Assignee", the entire right, title and interest in and to an invention entitled:

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patent application no. 09/981,633 filed on 17 October 2001

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