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Assignment

Whereas, we

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(1) Hisashi KASHIMA of Kanagawa, Japan
and (2) Yasumasa KAJINAGA of Kanagawa, Japan

have invented certain improvements in

AUCTION METHOD AND AUCTION SYSTEM, AND STORAGE MEDIUM THEREFOR

DATE THAT
INVENTORS
SIGNED THE
DECLARATION

and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on
(1) 3.1.2002, and (2) 3.1.2002

Whereas, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION, a corporation of New York, having a place of business at Armonk, New York 10504, (hereinafter called IBM) desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention, and to any United States and foreign patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for a valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we the above named, hereby sell, assign, and transfer to IBM, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the said application and invention therein disclosed for the United States and foreign countries, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and we request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the inventions set forth in said application to IBM, its successors and assigns; and we hereby agree that IBM may apply for foreign Letters Patent on said invention and we will execute all papers necessary in connection with the United States and foreign applications when called upon to do so by IBM.

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DATE

Signed and sealed
(1) at Yamato
on 3.1.2002,

Hisashi Kashima
(Hisashi KASHIMA)
FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL LAST NAME

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(2) at Yamato
on 3.1.2002,

Yasumasa Kajinaga
(Yasumasa KAJINAGA)
FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL LAST NAME

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INVENTOR
(1)

On this day of 2002, before me personally came Hisashi KASHIMA to me personally known, and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Notary

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INVENTOR
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On this day of 2002, before me personally came Yasumasa KAJINAGA to me personally known, and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Notary