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3. The parties conveying interest are:

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5. The accompanying document intends to accomplish an assignment.

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**DATE ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) EXECUTED
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7.

The attached assignment (document) was executed by Takeshi KAI on April 4, 2002.
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The attached assignment (document) was executed by Masami TONOOKA on April 4, 2002.
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8. The attached document is in the English language.


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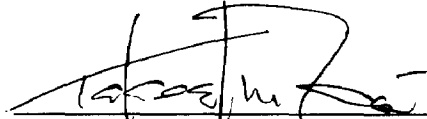
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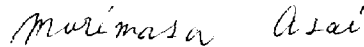
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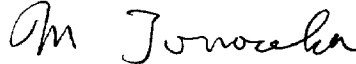
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