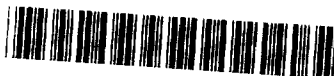


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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Reishi Naka, Masato Hayashi, Tomohiro Koyama, Toshikazu Hasegawa and Takeshi Aoshima (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS), having mailing addresses of c/o Nisshinbo Industries, Inc. Chiba, 9163-13, Kamakazu, Asahi-shi, Chiba-ken, Japan; c/o Nisshinbo Industries, Inc. Chiba, 9163-13, Kamakazu, Asahi-shi, Chiba-ken, Japan; c/o Nisshinbo Industries, Inc. Chiba, 9163-13, Kamakazu, Asahi-shi, Chiba-ken, Japan; Konoecho-Park-Mansion 302, 2-17-11, Shimoochiai, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan; and Mogusa Danchi 273-504, 999 Mogusa, Hino-shi, Tokyo, Japan, respectively, are the joint inventors of an invention entitled "HEAT CONDUCTIVITY MEASUREMENT METHOD AND INSTRUMENT AND METHOD OF PRODUCING A HEAT INSULATING MATERIAL," as described and claimed in the specification for which an application for United States letters patent was filed on October 23, 2001 and assigned Application No. 10/004,538. This application claims priority from Japanese Application No. 2000-327333, filed October 26, 2000.

WHEREAS, Nisshinbo Industries, Inc. and EKO Instruments Trading Co., Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEES), having places of business at 31-11, Nihonbashi Ningyocho 2-chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo, Japan, and 2-1-6, Sasazuka, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan, respectively, are desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all countries of the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEES the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEES and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEES and their successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNORS had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEES. ASSIGNORS agree to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United

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