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WHEREAS, I (We), MASAHIRO SERIZAWA and HIRONORI ITO of Tokyo, Japan

_____ as assignor(s),
have invented certain improvements in DEVICE, METHOD, AND PROGRAM FOR ENCODING/DECODING
OF SPEECH WITH FUNCTION OF ENCODING SILENT PERIOD

_____ for which a PCT International Application was
filed on May 31, 2000 and which was given an Application Number PCT/JP00/03492

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_____ as assignee, is desirous of acquiring all right, title and interest in and to said
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Date: April 5, 2002

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