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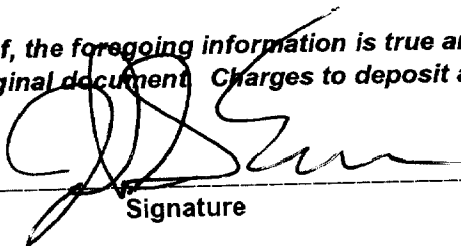
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Jinhong Katherine Guo, citizen of the United States of America, and Yuan Cheng, citizen of People's Republic of China (hereinafter "the Assignors"), residing at 6 Tiffany Ct., West Windsor, New Jersey 08550, and 23991 BPO Way, Piscataway, NJ 08854, respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in A METHOD FOR TEXTURE-BASED COLOR DOCUMENT SEGMENTATION, and

WHEREAS, MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD., a corporation organized under the laws of Japan, having a principal place of business at 1006 Oaza Kadoma, Kadoma, Osaka 571, Japan (hereinafter "the Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the invention described therein, and each and every patent that can be issued on said application and on said invention in the United States of America and in its territories and possessions, and in all countries foreign to the United States of America;


NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the Assignee the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid application, the aforesaid invention, and each and every patent that may be issued on the aforesaid invention and application in the United States of America, and in its territories and possessions and also in all countries foreign to the United States of America, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee for its own use and benefit, and for the use and benefit

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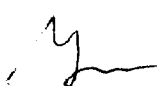

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignors have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals this 27 day of Aug., 2002.


Jinhong Katherine Guo

STATE OF New Jersey)
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Yuan Cheng

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