225700US-2SD

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Patent and Trademark Office

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks. Pleas	791 e record the attached original documents or copy thereof.
1. Name of conveying party(ies): NPS Co., Ltd. Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? □Yes ■No 3. Nature of Conveyance: Assignment □ Merger □ Security Agreement □ Change of Name □ Other Execution Date: March 29, 2002 4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): If this document is being filed together with a new application, the A. Patent Application No.(s) 09/791,708	2. Name and address of receiving party(ies): Name: Tokushima Sanso Co., Ltd. Address: 8-74, Kitatamiya 1-chome,
09/962,143 10/079,852	
5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: 22850	6. Total applications and patents involved: 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$120.00 Enclosed Authorized to be charged to deposit account 8. Deposit account number: 15-0030 (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)
DO NOT USE T	HIS SPACE
9. Statement and signature To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information of the original document. Marvin J. Spivak Name of Person Signing Registration Number: 24,913 Total number of pages including this	Signature Date
Do not detach t Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet informat Commissioner of Paten Box Assign Washington, I /2002 NAMED1 00000062 09791708	ion to: ts and Trademarks ments

PATENT REEL: 013307 FRAME: 0140

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, NPS Co., Ltd. of 8-74, Kitatamiya 1-chome, Tokushima-shi, Tokushima, Japan, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Country of Japan, is a joint owner with Japan Pionics Co., Ltd., by assignment, of the applications for letters patent of the United States of America:

Serial Number	Filing Date
09/791,708	February 26, 2001
09/962,143	September 26, 2001
10/079,852	February 22, 2002

WHEREAS, Tokushima Sanso Co., Ltd. of 8-74, Kitatamiya 1-chome, Tokushima-shi, Tokushima, Japan, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Country of Japan (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring right, title and interest in and to said applications for letters patent and the inventions described therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00) and other valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, NPS Co., Ltd. by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the right, title and interest to the extent held by them for the territory of the United States of America in and to the aforesaid applications for letters patent and the inventions described therein and in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor and in and to any and all divisions, continuations, substitutions and renewals thereof.

REEL: 013307 FRAME: 0141

2

NPS Co., Ltd. hereby authorizes and requests the Patent Office in the United States and its territorial possessions to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said ASSIGNEE as a joint assignee of the right, title and interest in and to the same, to the extent hereby assigned and held by them.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, NPS Co., Ltd. has caused these presents to be signed by its officer hereunto duly authorized.

NPS Co., Ltd.

Date: March 29, 2002

By: Iferoaki Bando

Name: Hiroaki BANDO

Title: President

PATENT REEL: 013307 FRAME: 0142

RECORDED: 09/18/2002