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hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto **Canon U.S.A., Inc.**

a corporation of **New York**

having a place of business at **One Canon Plaza, Lake Success, New York, 11042**

its successors, assigns and legal representatives (hereinafter called the "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest, for all countries, in and to certain inventions relating to

MEDIA READER FOR A REMOVABLE DIGITAL STORAGE MEDIUM

By Fumiharu Nakamura and Yoshifumi Ishikawa

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and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed by me, on **July 2, 2002**, and which has been accorded Application No. **10/188,423** and in and to said application, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted, thereon, and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent or other grants of protection of proprietary rights including, but not limited to, inventor's certificate, utility model, utility certificate, patent of importation, registration of patent and industrial design registration which may be filed, and which may be granted, upon said inventions in any countries or regions foreign to the United States, and all reissues, renewals and extensions thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and all officials of countries or regions foreign to the United States having authority so to do, to issue all such Letters Patent or other grants of protection upon said inventions to the Assignee or to such nominees as it may designate.

AND I authorize and empower the said Assignee or nominees to invoke and claim for any application for such Letters Patent or other grants of protection for said inventions filed by it or them, the benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by a convention which may henceforth be substituted for it, and to invoke and claim such right of priority without further written or oral authorization from us.

AND I hereby consent that a copy of this assignment shall be deemed a full and formal equivalent of any assignment, consent to file or like document which may be required in any country or region for any purpose and more particularly in proof of the right of the said Assignee or nominees to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for it.

AND I hereby covenant that I have the full right to convey the entire right, title and interest herein assigned and that I have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND I hereby covenant and agree that I will communicate to said Assignee or nominees all facts known to us pertaining to said inventions, and testify in all legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and declarations and in general perform all lawful acts necessary or proper to aid said Assignee or nominees in obtaining, maintaining and enforcing all lawful patent or other grants of protection of said inventions in any and all countries and regions.

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YOSHIFUMI ISHIKAWA

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On this 26 day of September, 2002, before me personally appeared **YOSHIFUMI ISHIKAWA** to me known and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who thereupon acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth.

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