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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, <u>Kazuo Mikami</u>, a citizen of <u>Japan</u>, residing in <u>Iruma-shi, Saitama, Japan</u>, have invented new and useful improvements in <u>Lens Barrel and Picture Taking Apparatus Having The Same</u>, for which I am about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States, said application having been executed by me on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO., LTD., organized and existing under and by virtue of the law of Japan, having its principal place of business at 43-2, Hatagaya 2-chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the application and invention therein described and claimed and any Letters Patent that may be issued upon the application or for the improvements therein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of my employment by OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO., LTD., and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, I have assigned and transferred and do hereby assign and transfer unto OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO., LTD., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the application and the invention therein contained, including the right to apply for any Letters Patent in the United States of America on the invention, and any Letters Patent that may issue thereon or therefor in the United States, and all reissues, extensions, renewals, divisions and continuations thereof, to the full end of the term or terms for which the Letters Patent may be issued, the same to be held and enjoyed by OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO., LTD., its successors and assigns, the same as it would have been held and enjoyed by me if this Assignment had not been made.

And I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all such Letters Patent to OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO., LTD., its successors and assigns, in accordance with this instrument of Assignment.

I hereby represent and warrant that there are no rights and interests outstanding inconsistent with the rights and interests granted herein and that I will not execute any instrument or grant or transfer any rights or interests inconsistent therewith, and I bind myself, my heirs, executors,

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administrators and legal representatives as the case may be, to execute and deliver to OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO., LTD., its successors and assigns, any further documents or instruments and do any all further acts that may be deemed necessary by OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO., LTD., its successors and assigns, to vest in OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO., LTD., its successors and assigns, the title herein conveyed, or intended so to be, and to enable such title to be recorded in the United States.

And I further covenant and agree in consideration of the premises that I, my executors and administrators, will at any time upon request communicate to OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO., LTD., its successors and assigns, any facts relating to the invention and improvements and the history thereof, known to me or my executors and administrators, and that I will testify as to the same in any interference, or other litigation when requested so to do by OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO., LTD., its successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and seal on the \_\_5 day of Feb\_\_\_, 2003.

Rosao Mikami

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