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ASSIGNMENT

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Jan. 24, 2003
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THIS ASSIGNMENT, by Nobuhiro AIHARA, residing at Osaka-Shi, Osaka, Japan
~~Amagasaki-Shi,~~
~~Hyogo-Ken, Japan~~ (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignor"), witnesseth:

WHEREAS, the Assignor has invented certain new and useful improvements in _____
IMAGE PROCESSING DEVICE PERFORMING INCLINATION CORRECTING PROCESSING

_____ set forth
in an application, [] which is a provisional application to be filed herewith; [x] which is a non-
provisional application having an oath or declaration executed on even date herewith prior to filing
of application; [] bearing Application No. _____, and filed on _____
_____ ; and

WHEREAS, MINOLTA CO., LTD., a corporation duly
organized under and pursuant to the laws of Japan, and having its principal place of business
at C/O Osaka Kokusai Building, 3-13, 2-Chome, Azuchi-Machi, Chuo-Ku,
Osaka-Shi, Osaka, 541-8556, Japan (hereinafter
referred to as "the Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to
said inventions, the right to file applications on said inventions and the entire right, title and interest
in and to any applications, including provisional applications for Letters Patent of the United States
or other countries claiming priority to said application, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents,
United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and sufficient
consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor has sold, assigned,
transferred, and set over, and by these presents does sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the
Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns the entire right, title, and interest in
and to the above-mentioned inventions, the right to file applications on said inventions and the
entire right, title and interest in and to any applications for Letters Patent of the United States or
other countries claiming priority to said application, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents of the
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AND for the same consideration, the Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to and with
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AND the Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the attorneys of BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P. of Alexandria, Virginia, to insert in the spaces provided above the filing date, application number, and attorney docket number of said application when known.

AND the Assignor hereby requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all said Letters Patent of the United States to the Assignee, as the Assignee of said inventions and the Letters Patent to be issued thereon for the sole use and behalf of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns.

Date Jan. 24, 2003 Name of Assignor Nobuhiro Aihara
Nobuhiro AIHARA