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AND WHEREAS, KANSAI TECHNOLOGY LICENSING ORGANIZATION CO., LTD., whose Post Office Address is 93, Chudoji Awata-cho, Shimogyo-ku, Kyoto-shi, Kyoto 600-8815, JAPAN, (hereinafter referred to as the "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring 50% of the right, title and interest in and to said Letters Patent and the invention(s) and improvement(s) therein disclosed, for the United States of America, and any other Letters Patent which may issue therefor in the United States and all divisions, continuations, reissues, renewals and/or extensions thereof.

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In testimony whereof, ASSIGNOR executes this Assignment this 18th day of March 2003.


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