

Atty. Docket No. OAA-PT003**ASSIGNMENT**

Haruyuki ISHIHARA, residing at Hachioji-shi, Tokyo, JAPAN, a citizen of Japan; and Tsugumoto KOSUGIYAMA, residing at Hino-shi, Tokyo, Japan, a citizen of Japan, Yoji WATANABE, residing at Fuchu-shi, Tokyo, Japan, a citizen of Japan, Mitsuo GOTO, residing at Beijing, China, a citizen of Japan, (hereafter jointly and severally referred to as the undersigned), are the inventors of

IMAGE COMPRESSION APPARATUS AND METHOD,**IMAGE REGENERATION APPARATUS, CAMERA AND CAMERA SYSTEM**

for which the undersigned have executed an application for United States Letters Patent, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/437,475, filed May 14, 2003.

The undersigned hereby authorize assignee or assignee's representative to insert the Application Number and the filing date of this application if they are unknown at the time of execution of this assignment.

OLYMPUS OPTICAL CO., LTD., a Japanese corporation, having a principal place of business at 43-2, Hatagaya 2-chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0072, Japan (hereafter referred to as the assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in said invention, all applications for and all letters patent issued on said invention.

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, do hereby sell, assign and transfer to the assignee and assignee's successors, assigns and legal representatives the entire right, title and interest in said invention and all patent applications thereon, including, but not limited to, the application for United States Letters Patent entitled as above, and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in all letters patent, including all reissues and reexaminations thereof, throughout the world, including the right to claim priority under the Paris Convention or other treaty.

It is agreed that the undersigned shall be legally bound, upon request of the assignee, to supply all information and evidence relating to the making and practice of said invention, to testify in any legal proceeding relating thereto, to execute all

instruments proper to patent the invention throughout the world for the benefit of the assignee, and to execute all instruments proper to carry out the intent of this instrument.

The undersigned warrant that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance.

EXECUTED under seal on this 7 day of May, 2003
at Tokyo, Japan.
(Place)

Witness:

Hisayuki Takei
Hisayuki TAKEI

Haruyuki Ishihara (L.S.)
Haruyuki ISHIHARA

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Witness:

Hisayuki Takei
Hisayuki TAKEI

Tsugumoto Kosugiyama (L.S.)
Tsugumoto KOSUGIYAMA

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EXECUTED under seal on this 6 day of May, 2003
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(Place)

Witness:

Hisayuki Takei
Hisayuki TAKEI

Yoji Watanabe (L.S.)
Yoji WATANABE

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EXECUTED under seal on this 28 day of April, 2003
at Beijing, China
(Place)

Witness:

Hisayuki Takei
Hisayuki TAKEI

Mitsuo Goto (L.S.)
Mitsuo GOTO

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