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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

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and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed/executed by me on **March 12, 2003 as Application No. 10/385,847** 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 for 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.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of June, 2003

Yuichiro Yamashita L.S.
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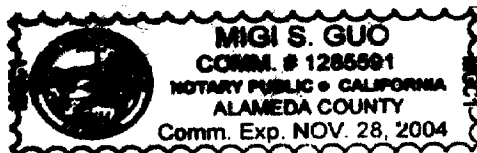
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