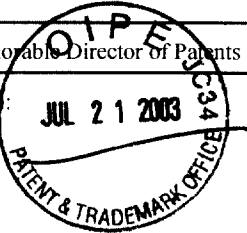


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WHEREAS, \* Shigeru OKUDA \*, a citizen of  
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Electric Works, Ltd., 1048, Oaza-Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka Japan \*, and  
 \* Kensaku ATSUMI \*, a citizen of  
 \* Japan \*, whose post office address is \* c/o Matsushita  
Electric Works, Ltd., 1048, Oaza-Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka Japan \*,  
 hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNORS, have invented a certain improvement relating to

\* STERILIZER UTILIZING MICROWAVES \*

for which they have jointly executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, which Application is a National Stage of International Application No. \* PCT/JP02/10703 \*.

If this Assignment is filed after the filing date of the above-identified application, the undersigned hereby authorize and request any one of the attorneys of record in this application including Neil F. Greenblum, Reg. No. 28,394, Bruce H. Bernstein, Reg. No. 29,027, Arnold Turk, Reg. No. 33,094, James L. Rowland, Reg. No. 32,674, Stephen M. Roylance, Reg. No. 31,296, Leslie J. Paperner, Reg. No. 33,329, William Pieprz, Reg. No. 33,630, and William E. Lyddane, Reg. No. 41,568, of the firm Greenblum & Bernstein, P.L.C., whose address is 1941 Roland Clarke Place, Reston, Virginia 20191, to insert here in parenthesis (Application No. 10/416,505, filed \_\_\_\_\_) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

AND WHEREAS, \* Matsushita Electric Works, Ltd. \*, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of \* Japan \*, whose post-office address is \* 1048, Oaza-Kadoma, Kadoma-shi, Osaka, Japan \*, hereinafter known as the ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to said invention and application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues, and prolongations thereof.

NOW, THIS WITNESSETH that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, said ASSIGNORS hereby assign, sell and transfer to said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and application, for the United States including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, said ASSIGNEE and its assigns and legal representatives to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said invention and application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges, and advantages in any

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this assignment is executed by said ASSIGNORS, on the respective date(s) indicated below.

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