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THIS ASSIGNMENT, by Makoto Harigaya, Kazunori Ito,

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residing at Kanagawa, Japan, Kanagawa, Japan, Kanagawa, Japan,

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Kanagawa, Japan, respectively;

WHEREAS, Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM, PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME, SPUTTERING TARGET FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND OPTICAL RECORDING PROCESS USING THE SAME, set forth in a patent application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed concurrently herewith; and

WHEREAS, Ricoh Company, Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), having offices at 3-6, Nakamagome 1-chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo 143-8555, Japan, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said Application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States 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, Assignors have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions and application for Letters Patent, and in and to any and all direct and indirect divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, and any and all Letters Patent in the United States and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and reissues, reexaminations and extensions of said Letters Patent, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by Assignee, for its own use and benefit and the use and benefit of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent may be granted and/or extended, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors, had this sale and assignment not been made.

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