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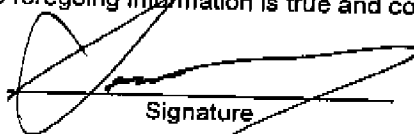
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Whereas, IP Trading Japan Co., Ltd.(hereinafter IPTJ), a corporation having a place of business at 1-2-3, Minami Yukigaya Ota-ku, Tokyo, Japan, is the sole owner of the United States Letters Patents listed in Exhibit A, and,

Whereas, Alps Electric Co., Ltd.(hereinafter ALPS), a corporation having a place of business at 1-7, Yukigaya-Otsuka-Cho, Ota-ku, Tokyo, Japan, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the aforesaid Letters Patents;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) paid by ALPS to IPTJ, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, IPTJ, by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto ALPS the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid Letters Patents to be held and enjoyed by ALPS for his own use and behoof, and for his legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term for which the aforesaid Letters Patents are granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by IPTJ if this assignment, transfer and sale had not been made.

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on March 1, 2004



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EXHIBIT A

Patent No	Title	Assignee/Applicant
US4667259	Non-magnetic part in magnetic head assembly	IP Trading Japan Co., Ltd
US5052099	Method of fabricating a magnetic head by sputter etching	IP Trading Japan Co., Ltd
US5231554	Floating magnetic head having low noise level	IP Trading Japan Co., Ltd
US5233492	Flying type composite magnetic head having Mn - Zn ferrite core	IP Trading Japan Co., Ltd
US5576912	Floating magnetic head with reduced magnetostriction vibration noise	IP Trading Japan Co., Ltd
US5581429	Thin-film magnetic head having improved magnetic pole structure	IP Trading Japan Co., Ltd
US5948550	Magnetoresistive film	IP Trading Japan Co., Ltd
US5771133	Floating magnetic head	IP Trading Japan Co., Ltd
US5751516	Non-magnetic substrate material and slider assembly for use in flying-type magnetic head	IP Trading Japan Co., Ltd
US6072670	Thin-film magnetic head having a pair of magnetic poles formed on substrate through a magnetic gap layer	IP Trading Japan Co., Ltd
US6027824	Magnetic head with low non-linear transition shift	IP Trading Japan Co., Ltd
US6101068	MR composite-type thin-film magnetic head having an upper pole with a high saturation magnetic flux density and an intermediate pole with a high resistivity	IP Trading Japan Co., Ltd
US6246541	Thin film magnetic head with reduced magnetic gap by incorporating coil conductors with convex surfaces	IP Trading Japan Co., Ltd
US6365029	Manufacturing method for a thin film magnetic head having fine crystal grain coil	IP Trading Japan Co., Ltd
US6202289	Manufacturing process of thin film magnetic head sliders	IP Trading Japan Co., Ltd
US6185068	Thin-film magnetic head with a coil having a trapezoidal crosssection	IP Trading Japan Co., Ltd