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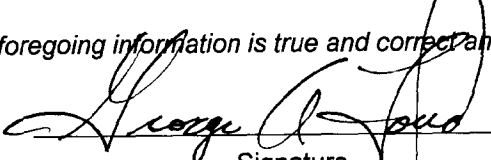
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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, we, Koji KOBAYASHI and Munehisa HORIGUCHI of c/o  
Kabushikikaisha Equos Research, 2-19-12, Sotokanda, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0021 Japan  
have invented certain improvements in FUEL CELL SYSTEM  
set forth in an application for Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, KABUSHIKIKAISHA EQUOS RESEARCH of 2-19-12, Sotokanda,  
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0021 Japan is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other  
good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Koji  
KOBAYASHI and Munehisa HORIGUCHI by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto  
KABUSHIKIKAISHA EQUOS RESEARCH, its successors, legal representatives, heirs and  
assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in the United States of America said  
application executed on the 16th & 19th days of September, 2003  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, (and we hereby authorize our attorneys,  
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Koji Kobayashi 16/09/2003  
Koji KOBAYASHI Date

Munehisa Horiguchi 19/09/2003  
Munehisa HORIGUCHI Date