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WHEREAS I/WE Kenichi Hiraizumi of Saitama, Japan , Atsushi Koike of Saitama, Japan, Hiromitsu Miyajima of Saitama, Japan , Kiyoshi Yamagishi of Saitama, Japan , respectively, have made a certain new and useful invention as set forth in an application for United States Letters Patent, entitled:

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AND WHEREAS, MITSUI MINING & SMELTING CO., LTD. a corporation of the State of Japan and having an address of 11-1, Osaki 1-chome, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo, Japan , hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries that may be obtained therefor;

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