

A S S I G N M E N T

Whereas SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED of 5-1, Nihonbashi Honcho 3-chome, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103-8426, Japan (referred to hereinafter as the "Assignor"), a Corporation organized under the laws of Japan, is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 5,616,567 issued April 1, 1997 and U.S. Patent No. 5,654,420 issued August 5, 1997 (assignment for both U.S. Patent No. 5,616,567 and U.S. Patent No. 5,654,420 recorded on April 30, 1993 at Reel 6522, Frame 0380) (referred to hereinafter as the "U.S. Patents"), and the inventions described and claimed therein.

Whereas individuals Akira Matsuda of 1-7-501, Kita 24-jo Nishi 12-chome, Kita-ku, Sapporo-shi, Hokkaido 001-0024 Japan and Takuma Sasaki of 12-5-401, Izumino-machi 4-chome, Kanazawa-shi, Ishikawa 921-8034 Japan (referred to hereinafter as the "Assignees") are desirous of acquiring the Assignor's entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said U.S. Patents;


For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor hereby sells, transfers and sets over to said Assignees, the Assignor's ownership of (i) said inventions and (ii) said U.S. Patents, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignees, for their own use and enjoyment and the use and enjoyment of their successors, assigns or other legal representatives, to the end of the respective terms for which said U.S. Patents are granted or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by said Assignor, if this Assignment and sale had not been made, and for the use and enjoyment of their successors, assigns or other legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF Assignor has caused the signature of its proper officer to be subscribed hereto on the date set forth below.

Assignor: SANKYO COMPANY, LIMITED

Date: November 06, 2003

By:


Name: Yukio Sugimura

Corporate Title:
Executive vice-President and
Representative Director

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