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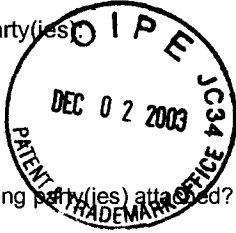


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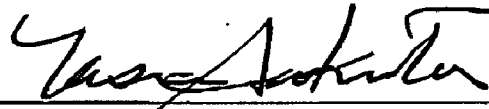
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Listed In Attachment A

WHEREAS, Hitachi Global Storage Technologies Japan, Ltd., a corporation organized under the laws of Japan, having its place of business at 2880, Koze, Odawara-shi, Kanagawa-ken, Japan, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the inventions which are at least covered by the US patent application serial numbers and Letters Patents as listed in Attachment A, as now owned by Hitachi, Ltd.

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Date: November 20, 2003

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Attachment A

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