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1. This assignment is for the patent application being filed simultaneously herewith:

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**TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND/OR PATENTS
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(37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(1))**

3. The parties conveying interest are:

Masahiro SUZUKI

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY(IES) RECEIVING INTEREST
(37 C.F.R. § (a)(2))**

4. The rights are being conveyed to:

Nippon Soda Co., Ltd.
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**DESCRIPTION OF INTEREST CONVEYED OR
TRANSACTION RECORDED (37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(3))**

5. The accompanying document intends to accomplish an assignment.

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY TO WHOM
CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE MAILED (37 C.F.R. § 3.31 (a)(5))**

6. Please address correspondence to:

Name: Dennis G. LaPointe
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Suite 500
Clearwater, FL 33764
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**DATE ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) EXECUTED
(37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(7))**

7. The attached assignment (document) was executed by the Masahiro SUZUKI on September 16, 2003.

LANGUAGE OF ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO BE RECORDED

8. The attached document is in the English language.

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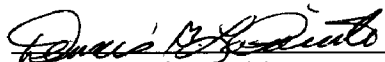
9. Submitted herewith is the original document.

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10. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

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 For: ☐ U.S. Patent
 For: ☐ PCT Application
 By: Multiple Inventors

ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION (MULTIPLE INVENTORS)

In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

ASSIGNORS (Inventors):

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Nationality

hereby sells, assigns and transfers to

ASSIGNEE:**Nippon Soda Co., Ltd.****2-1, Ohtemachi 2-chome, Chiyoda-ku****Tokyo 100-0004 JAPAN****Nationality: JAPAN**

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and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE

(complete one of the following)

☒ the entire right, title and interest

☐ and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority,
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- (a) ☐ U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith
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- ☐ To comply with 37 C.F.R. section 3.21 for recordal of this assignment, I, an ASSIGNOR signing below, hereby authorize and request my attorney to insert below the filing date and application number when they become known.

(d) ☒ U.S. application no. / 10/670,867
filed on September 25, 2003

(e) ☐ International application no. PCT/_____/_____

(f) ☐ U.S. patent no. _____ issued _____

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desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set hand and seal this September 16, 2003
Date of signing

WARNING: The date of signing must be the same as the date of execution of the application, if item (a) was checked above.

Masahiro SUZUKI

(type name of Inventor)

Masahiro Suzuki
Signature of INVENTOR

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