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## **ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS Santoku America, Inc., of 8220 West Harrison Street, Tolleson, Arizona 85353-4025 (hereinafter "Assignor") desires to assign the entire right, title and interest in and to the inventions as set forth in:

United States provisional patent application entitled CASTINGS OF METALLIC ALLOYS WITH IMPROVED SURFACE QUALITY, STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES FABRICATED IN FINEGRAINED ISOTROPIC GRAPHITE MOLDS UNDER VACUUM, Serial No. 60/290,647 filed May 15, 2001; and

United States patent application CASTINGS OF METALLIC ALLOYS WITH IMPROVED SURFACE QUALITY, STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES FABRICATED IN FINEGRAINED ISOTROPIC GRAPHITE MOLDS UNDER VACUUM, Serial No. 10/143,920, filed May 14, 2002;

AND WHEREAS Santoku Corporation, of 4-14-34 Fukae-kitamachi, Higashinada-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo 658-0013, Japan, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be obtained therefore;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration in hand, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto Santoku Corporation, its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions as set forth in the above-mentioned applications, and in and to any and all patents of the United States which may be issued for said inventions;

We request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued for said inventions to said Santoku Corporation, its legal representatives,

successors or assigns, as the sole owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to said patent and the inventions covered thereby;

We hereby covenant that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned and have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith, and we also agree to execute all papers in connection with the applications and any continuing, divisional, continuation-in-part, reissue or re-examination applications thereof and in connection with any interference which may be declared involving these applications or any continuing or divisional applications thereof;

AND we hereby grant the firm of STEVENS, DAVIS, MILLER & MOSHER, L.L.P. the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this assignment.

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