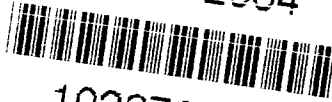


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WHEREAS, **NIKKO MATERIALS COMPANY, LIMITED**, a Japanese corporation engaged in business at 10-1, Toranomom 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 105-8407 Japan, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the said invention and any and all applications for Letters Patent and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be issued therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, THIS IS TO WITNESS, that in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) paid to ASSIGNOR by ASSIGNEE, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, ASSIGNOR has sold, assigned and set over, and hereby does sell, assign and set over, unto ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest for, to and within the United States and all foreign countries, in and to the aforesaid invention and in and to any and all application for Letters Patent and Letters Patent which may be issued therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Assignment has been executed by us on the dates accompanying our signatures.

Yuichiro Nakamura

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