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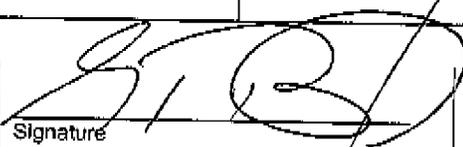
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Whereas I/we, the below named inventor(s), with residence and citizenship as indicated below, have made an invention in

**OPTICAL CONNECTOR, OPTICAL FIBER WITH CONNECTOR, OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTING DEVICE, AND OPTICAL FIBER CONNECTION METHOD**

- for which an application for a United States Patent is being filed contemporaneously herewith;
- for which an application for a United States Patent identified as U.S. Patent Application No. 10/897741; was filed on July 23, 2004;
- which application is identified as PCT International Patent Application No. filed ;

Now, therefore, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged, I/we have agreed to assign and transfer and do hereby assign and transfer unto the 3M INNOVATIVE PROPERTIES COMPANY, a wholly-owned subsidiary of 3M COMPANY, and a corporation of Delaware, having its principal office at Saint Paul, Minnesota, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any division or continuation (in whole or in part) of said application, and in and to any and all improvements in the said invention made by me or made jointly with others (provided any such improvement is made during, or within one year after the termination of, my employment with 3M COMPANY and any of its existing or future subsidiaries), and in and to any and all Letters Patent, reexaminations, reissues, or extensions thereof, of the United States of America and countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent, Utility Models, or Inventors' Certificates in foreign countries in its own name and to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise), which have been or may be granted thereon or on any divisional, continuation (in whole or in part), renewal, reexamination, reissue, or other or further application based in whole or in part upon the said invention or improvements thereon, to be held and enjoyed as fully and exclusively as they would have been by me/us had this assignment and transfer not been made;

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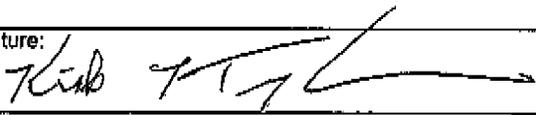
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