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WHEREAS, the following inventor(s): Kazuya KITAMURA, Yukio KURATA and Tetsuo IWAKI, hereinafter designated as the undersigned) has (have) invented certain new and useful improvements in OPTICAL PICKUP DEVICE , for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been filed on \_\_\_\_\_, Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_; and

WHEREAS, SHARP KABUSHIKI KAISHA, a Japanese , corporation , having its principal place of business at Osaka, Japan , its heirs, successors, legal representatives and assigns (hereinafter designated as the Assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and to any Letters Patent(s) that may be granted therefor in the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration to the undersigned, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned has (have) sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States of America and its territories, dependencies and possessions and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent(s) which may be granted therefor in the United States of America and its territories, dependencies and possessions, and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with this application and any continuing, divisional or reissue applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

The undersigned agree(s) to furnish all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and said patent(s) as may be known and accessible to the undersigned, and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto, and will promptly execute and deliver to Assignee any and all papers, instruments or affidavits necessary or desirable to apply for, obtain, maintain or enforce said application or said patent(s) in connection with any interference which may be declared, and any litigation concerning this application or any continuation, division or reissue thereof or Patent(s) or reissue patent(s) issued thereon, and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining and producing evidence and proceeding with such interference or litigation.

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In witness whereof, signed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite the undersigned names.

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