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WHEREAS, I, **Tatsuya NISHIKORI** (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), have invented and own a certain invention entitled **ROTATABLE VARIABLE RESISTOR WITH CLICKING MECHANISM** for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been

 X executed on even date herewith;
 filed on _____ as Serial No. _____.

WHEREAS, **Murata Manufacturing Co., Ltd., 26-10, Tenjin 2-chome, Nagaokakyo-shi, Kyoto-fu 617-8555 JAPAN** (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and the United States Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that 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, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right, title and interest to the said invention and all Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefor on said application or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted; and all Letters Patent and applications therefor through the world, including all the rights accruing by virtue of the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property.

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Dated: May 13, 2004

 Tatsuya Nishikori
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