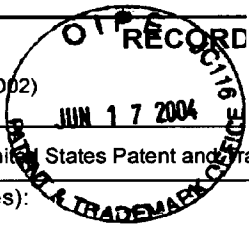


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THIS ASSIGNMENT, by Kiyoshi IWAMOTO, Hideaki TOMI,
Yoji TAKEUCHI and Masaru MIYAMOTO,
all, residing at Kanagawa, Japan

_____ (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignors"), respectively,
witnesseth:

WHEREAS, the Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in WATER-
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_____ set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, [] which
is a provisional application to be filed herewith; [] which is a non-provisional application having an
oath or declaration executed on even date herewith prior to filing of application; [] bearing
Application No. _____, and filed on _____; and

MITSUBISHI PENCIL
WHEREAS, KABUSHIKI KAISHA, a corporation duly organized under and
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business at 23-37, Higashi Ohi 5-chome, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo, Japan (hereinafter
referred to as "the Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to
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AND the Assignors hereby authorize and request the attorneys of Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, LLP of Alexandria, Virginia, to insert in the spaces provided above the filing date, application number, and attorney docket number of said application when known.

AND the Assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all said Letters Patent of the United States to the Assignee as the Assignee of said inventions, the Letters Patent to be issued for the sole use and behalf of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns.

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