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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

JOINT

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Title of Invention: MAGNETIC HEAD AND MAGNETIC DISK
 STORAGE APPARATUS MOUNTING THE SAME

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Application No.: ; and

WHEREAS, Hitachi Global Storage Technologies Netherlands, B.V. of Locatellikade 1, Parnassustoren, 1076 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

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