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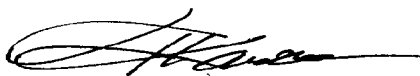
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WHEREAS, I (We), Tomoyuki KAWANO, and Toshihiro HIGASHI as assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in TOP PLATE FOR RACK for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been executed by me (us) of even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, KONGO KABUSHIKI KAISHA a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Japan, located at 3-8-1 Kamikumamoto, Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto-ken, Japan as assignee, is desirous of acquiring all right, title and interest in and to said invention and any Patent that may be granted therefor.

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Date: 2004/5/18


Tomoyuki KAWANO

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