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WHEREAS, **Hirofumi Nozaki** of 302,1-2-7, Higashi-kanagawa, Kanagawa-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, 221-0044 Japan; **Shinichi Kimura** of 2-12-21-102, Hon-kugenuma, Fujisawa-shi, Kanagawa, 251-0028 Japan; **Hiroki Kitahori** of 5430-16, Oba, Fujisawa-shi, Kanagawa, 251-0861 Japan; **Kenji Kuroki** of 2-9-11, Tenjin-cho, Fujisawa-shi, Kanagawa, 252-0814 Japan hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: ROTATING DISK STORAGE DEVICE HAVING CONNECTION STRUCTURE BETWEEN FPC AND PRINTED BOARD

Date(s) of execution of Declaration:

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Application No.: 11/009,497; and

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