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Title of Invention: LATHE

Date(s) of Execution:

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WHEREAS, Tsugami Corporation, located at 26-1, Hamamatsu-cho 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 105-0013, Japan, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring ASSIGNORS' interest in the said invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent which may be granted on the same;

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