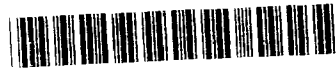


A/D 581-4D

DT15 Rec'd PCT/PTO 28 APR 2004

10-14-2004

Form PTO-1595 (Rev. 03/01) OMB No. 0651-0027 (exp. 5/31/2002) Tab settings



102858344

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE U.S. Patent and Trademark Office 10/493832

To the Honorable Commissioner, Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies): Toshiyuki Kashiwagi, Takeshi Yamasaki, Tomomi Yukumoto Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies) Name: Sony Corporation Internal Address: 4/28/04 Street Address: 7-35 Kitashinagawa 6-Chome, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo, Japan City: State: Zip: Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance: Assignment Merger Security Agreement Change of Name Other Execution Date: 3/31/04 & 4/9/04

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): 3/31/04 If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: 4/9/04 A. Patent Application No.(s) B. Patent No.(s) Additional numbers attached? Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Name: Robert J. Depke Internal Address: Holland & Knight LLC Street Address: 131 South Dearborn Street 30th Floor City: Chicago State: IL Zip: 60603

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$ 40.00 Enclosed Authorized to be charged to deposit account 8. Deposit account number: 50-1794 (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)

DO NOT USE THIS SPACE

9. Statement and signature. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document. Robert J. Depke Name of Person Signing Signature Date 4/28/04

Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and documents: 3

Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet information to: Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks, Box Assignments Washington, D.C. 20231

PATENT REEL: 015872 FRAME: 0297

Docket Number: 075834.00437

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, as a below named inventor, residing at the address stated next to my name, am a sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of certain new and useful improvements in

OPTICAL DISC

for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America was executed by me on the date indicated next to my name and address;

AND WHEREAS, Sony Corporation, a Japanese corporation with offices at 7-35 Kitashinagawa 6-chome, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo 141-0001 Japan (hereinafter referenced as ASSIGNEE) is desirous of acquiring all interest in, to and under said invention, said application disclosing the invention and in, to and under any Letters Patent or similar legal protection which may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I, as a sole or joint inventor as indicated below, do hereby assign, sell and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the said invention, said application, including any divisions and continuations as well as any reissues and reexaminations thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States, and countries foreign thereto, which may be granted for said invention, and in and to any and all priority rights and/or convention rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States of America adheres, and to any other benefits accruing or to accrue to me with respect to the filing of applications for patents or securing of patents in the United States and countries foreign thereto, and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue the said United States Letters Patent to said ASSIGNEE, as the assignee of the whole right, title and interest thereto;

And I further agree to execute all necessary or desirable and lawful future documents, including assignments in favor of ASSIGNEE or its designee, as ASSIGNEE or its successors, assigns may from time-to-time present to me and without further remuneration, in order to perfect title in said invention, modifications, and improvements in said invention, applications and Letters Patent of the United States and countries foreign thereto;

And I further agree to properly execute and deliver and without further remuneration, such necessary or desirable and lawful papers for application for foreign patents, for filing subdivisions of said application for patent, and or, for obtaining any reissue or reissues of any Letters Patent which may be granted for my aforesaid invention, as the ASSIGNEE thereof shall hereafter require and prepare at its own expense;

And I further agree that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents in foreign countries as may be known and accessible to me and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto;

And I hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment and sale.

And I hereby authorize and request my attorney(s) of record in this application to insert the serial number and filing date of this application in the spaces that follow: International Serial Number PCT/JP03/10799, International Filing Date: August 26, 2003.

This assignment executed on the dates indicated below.

Toshiyuki KASHIWAGI
Name of first or sole inventor _____ Execution date of U.S. Patent Application _____

Tokyo, Japan
Residence of first or sole inventor _____

Toshiyuki Kashiwagi
Signature of First or sole inventor _____ April 9, 2004
Date of this Assignment _____

Takeshi YAMASAKI

Name of second inventor

Execution date of U.S. Patent Application

Kanagawa, Japan

Residence of second inventor

Takeshi Yamasaki

March 31, 2004

Signature of second inventor

Date of this Assignment

Tomomi YUKUMOTO

Name of third inventor

Execution date of U.S. Patent Application

Chiba, Japan

Residence of third inventor

Tomomi Yukumoto

March 31, 2004

Signature of third inventor

Date of this Assignment