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for which I have prepared an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America;

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NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern, that for and in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration to me in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I have assigned, sold and transferred and by these presents do hereby assign, sell and transfer unto the said SII NanoTechnology Inc. for the territory of the United States of America, my entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, and in and to the said application, prepared and executed by me on MAY 29, 2003, filed MARCH 24, 2003, Serial No. 10/395,672, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent thereon and in and to any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted thereon; said invention, application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by the said SII NanoTechnology Inc., its legal representatives and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment, sale and transfer not been made.

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