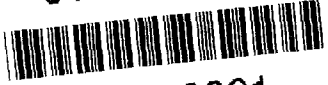


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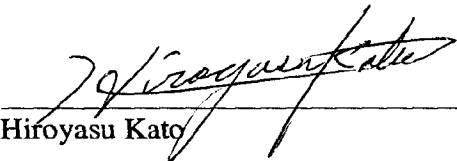
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AND, WHEREAS, Katoh Kinzoku kougyo kabushiki Kaisha, a Japanese corporation having a principal place of business at No. 61 Nanjai, Tomioka-shi, Gunma-ken, Japan (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring my entire right and title to and interest in my invention disclosed in said application;

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Executed at Tomioka-shi (city), Japan, this 20th day of December, 2004.


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