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THIS ASSIGNMENT, by Hiroshi Shimura; Haike Guan; Masaaki Ishikawa; and Takashi Saitoh (hereinafter referred to as Assignors), residing at 3-6, Nakamagome 1-chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo, 143-8555, JAPAN; 3-6, Nakamagome 1-Chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo, 143-8555, JAPAN; c/o Ricoh Company, Ltd., 3-6, Nakamagome 1-chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo, 143-8555, JAPAN; and 3-6, Nakamagome 1-chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo, 143-8555, JAPAN, respectively;

WHEREAS, Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in METHOD, PROGRAM, AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING SPECIFIC INFORMATION INCLUDED IN IMAGE DATA OF ORIGINAL IMAGE, AND COMPUTER-READABLE STORING MEDIUM STORING THE PROGRAM, set forth in a Patent application for Letters Patent of the United States, filed on November 4, 2004 as U. S. patent application no. 10/980,767; and

WHEREAS, Ricoh Company, Ltd., a corporation organized under and pursuant to the laws of Japan having a place of business at Ricoh Company, Ltd., 3-6, Nakamagome 1-chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo, 143-8555, JAPAN (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said Application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefore and thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions and application for Letters Patent, and in and to any and all direct and indirect divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, and any and all Letters Patent in the United States and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and reissues,

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