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both of Shizuoka, Japan

hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in

**METHOD OF MANUFACTURING FRICTION PLATE**

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on

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I/We hereby authorize and request my/our attorneys **SUGHRUE MION, PLLC** of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037-3213 to insert here in parentheses (Application number 10/998,641, filed November 30, 2004) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

Date: March 22, 2005

s/ Rikiya Takahashi  
Rikiya TAKAHASHI

Date: March 22, 2005

s/ Tomoyoshi Tamura  
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