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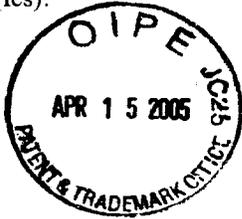
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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in

METHOD OF MANUFACTURING FRICTION PLATE

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

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Date: March 22, 2005 s/ Rikiya Takahashi
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