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ASSIGNMENT OF ENTIRE INTEREST IN AN INVENTION

WHEREAS, I/we, the undersigned, have invented certain novel and useful improvements in

**DEFECT INSPECTION APPARATUS, DEFECT INSPECTION METHOD
AND METHOD OF INSPECTING HOLE PATTERN**

for which I am/we are about to make/have made application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, identified as

Serial No. 11/243,425 filed on October 5, 2005 and

WHEREAS,

NIKON CORPORATION,

a corporation duly organized under the laws of Japan, and having its principal office at
2-3, Marunouchi 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, Japan

and duly represented by, Michio KARIYA, its President

(hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest, for the territory of the United States of America, in and to said invention, application, and Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the payment of lawful money and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I/we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest, for the territory of the United States of America, in and to said invention, as described in the specification executed by me/us on even date herewith, or on the respective dates below, entitled as above preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor, and to said application, Letters Patent to be obtained for said invention, and any and all reissues, divisions, extensions or continuations of said application for Letters Patent which may be applied for or granted for said invention; and I/we hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE, for its interest, for the sole use of ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns.

Executed at Tokyo, Japan this 21th day of November, 2005.

By: _____

杉原 麻理

Mari SUGIHARA

Executed at Tokyo, Japan this 24th day of November, 2005.

By: 大森 健雄

Takeo OOMORI

Executed at Tokyo, Japan this 30th day of November, 2005.

By: 深澤 和彦

Kazuhiko FUKAZAWA