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**RETICLE PROTECTION MEMBER, RETICLE
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for which I/We executed an application for
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Patent on **September 27, 2005**
(Serial No. **11/235,198**); and

WHEREAS,

NIKON CORPORATION, a corporation of Japan, whose post
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NOW THEREFORE, be it known that, for
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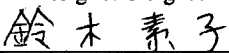
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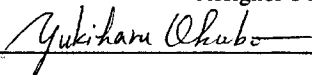
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