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WHEREAS We, **Shuta Hamada (Deceased Inventor represented herein by legal representatives Akira Hamada and Yoshiko Hamada) of Hachioji-shi, Tokyo, Japan, Takenobu Kimura of Hachioji-shi, Tokyo, Japan and Yotaro Sato of Hachioji-shi, Tokyo, Japan** (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNORS") have invented certain new and useful improvements in:

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which claims priority to **Japanese** Application Nos. 2005-024967 filed February 1, 2005, and 2005-063927 filed March 8, 2005 and for which We are about to file or have filed an application for Letters Patent of the United States;

AND WHEREAS, **Konica Minolta Business Technologies, Inc.** (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Country of **Japan**, having a place of business at **6-1 Marunouchi 1-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 100-0005 Japan**, is desirous of acquiring an interest in the United States and all foreign countries, in and to the said invention and Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, We, the said ASSIGNORS have assigned and transferred, and hereby assign and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention in the United States and in all foreign countries, including priority rights, as fully set forth and described in said application; and We do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent on said application, and any and all Letters Patent that may be issued upon any and all revivals, refilings, continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions and reissues thereof, to the said ASSIGNEE, an assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns; and We do hereby agree that the said ASSIGNEE, may apply for foreign Letters Patent on said invention and that We will execute all papers necessary in connection with the United States and foreign applications when called upon to do so by the said ASSIGNEE, its successors or assigns, and that We will,

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