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## ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration paid, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned,

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who have made a certain new and useful invention, hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto

SUMITOMO METAL INDUSTRIES, LTD. of 5-33 Kitahama, 4-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi,  
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its successors and assigns (hereinafter designated "ASSIGNEE") the entire right, title and interest for the United States of America as defined in 35 U.S.C.100 in the invention entitled

THREADED JOINT FOR STEEL PIPES

(a) for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on January 11, 2006  
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and the undersigned hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all United States Letters Patent which may be granted therefor and any and all extensions, divisions, reissues, substitutes, renewals, continuations, or continuations-in-part thereof, and the right to all benefits under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property to the said ASSIGNEE, for its interest as ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives; the undersigned agree that the attorneys of record in said application shall hereafter act on behalf of said ASSIGNEE;

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