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THAT WHEREAS.....,

we, Hiroki Morimura, Satoshi Shigematsu, Yukio Okazaki, and Katsuyuki Machida, citizens of Japan and engineers, all residing at c/o NTT Intellectual Property Center, 9-11, Midori-cho 3-chome, Musashino-shi, Tokyo 180-8585, Japan

have made an invention in certain improvements in Master-Slave Flip-Flop, Trigger Flip-Flop, and Counter

described in an application executed by us on March 3, 2006 and about to be filed in the United States Patent Office on Serial Number ; and

WHEREAS,

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Now, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations to us paid by the said Assignee, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell, assign and transfer to the said Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, inventions, and application, including all priority rights arising therefrom, all inventions disclosed in said application, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States, and of all other countries, together with the right to apply for such Letters Patent, which may be granted for the said invention, inventions or any of them.

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AND we do hereby covenant for us and our legal representatives that we have not hitherto assigned or granted any license to make, use or sell said invention, and that we will not henceforth purport to assign, license or execute any instrument to that effect in conflict with this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands and seal this 3rd day of March, 2006

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