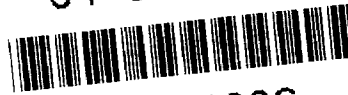


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 Serial No. 11/315,684    Filed December 22, 2005

*WHEREAS*, **NISSAN DESIGN AMERICA, INC.**, having its principal place of business at 9800 Campus Point Drive, San Diego, California 92121 (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring the entire interest therein;

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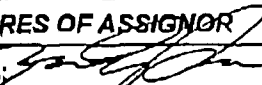
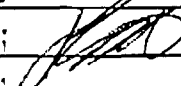
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