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Title of Invention:	COMPACT DISK DEVICE AND DISK DRIVE			
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WHEREAS, Hitachi Global Storage Technologies Netherlands B.V. of Locatellikade 1. Parnassustoren, 1076 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

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