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## Assignment

WHEREAS, HITACHI METALS, LTD., a Japanese corporation, having its principal place of business at 2-1 Shibaura 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan, hereafter called Assignor, is the owner and assignee of record and filed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America thereof on July 5, 2000, which issued as US Patent No. 6,312,494 on November 6, 2001 and which was filed as a reissue application on November 5, 2003, and which received Application No. 10/701,020 and Confirmation No. 6504, and

WHEREAS, NEOMAX CO., LTD., a Japanese corporation, having its principal place of business at 7-19, Kitahama 4-chome, Chuo-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka, Japan, hereafter called Assignee, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in said application and inventions disclosed therein, and to any patents to be obtained therefore, including rights to recover for past infringement of said Patent;

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, HITACHI METALS, LTD., hereby sells, assigns and transfers to NEOMAX CO., LTD., its successors and assigns, its entire right, title and interest in said application and inventions disclosed therein, and to any patents to be obtained therefore, including rights to recover for past infringement of said Patent;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, HITACHI METALS, LTD. has executed this Assignment by proper persons duly authorized.

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

The above named Assignor, hereby sells, assigns and transfers to the above named Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the application and inventions disclosed therein for the United States of America, including the right to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and including rights to recover for past infringement of said Patent and Assignor requests the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the inventions set forth in the application to the Assignee, its successors and assigns; and Assignor will execute without further consideration all papers deemed necessary by the Assignee in connection with the United States application when called upon to do so by the Assignee.

HITACHI METALS, LTD.

Witness:

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Date: September 1, 2006

(Legalization not required for recording but is prima facie evidence of execution under 35 U.S.C. §261)