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ASSIGNMENT

(JOINT)

THIS ASSIGNMENT, by Morito OSHITA and Hidetoshi INAYOSHI residing at Kariya-shi, Aichi-ken, Japan and Nukata-gun, Aichi-ken, Japan (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignors"), respectively, witnesseth:

WHEREAS, the Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in ENERGY ABSORBING STEERING COLUMN set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, which is a

- (1) provisional application
- (a) bearing Application No. _____, and filed on _____;
- (b) to be filed herewith; or
- (2) non-provisional application
- (a) bearing Application No. _____, and filed on _____;
- (b) having an oath or declaration executed on even date herewith prior to filing of application;
- (c) having an oath or declaration executed on a different date than this Assignment; and

WHEREAS, AISIN SEIKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA, a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of JAPAN and having a principal place of business at 1, Asahi-machi 2-chome, Kariya-shi, Aichi-ken, 448-8650 Japan (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said inventions, the right to file applications on said inventions and the entire right, title and interest in and to any applications, including provisional applications for Letters Patent of the United States or other countries claiming priority to said application, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns the entire right, title, and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions, the right to file applications on said inventions and the entire right, title and interest in and to any applications for Letters Patent of the United States or other countries claiming priority to said applications, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents of the United States of America and all foreign countries that may be granted therefor and thereon, and in and to any and all applications claiming priority to said applications, divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said applications, and reissues and extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, for its own use and behoof and the use and behoof of its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignors had this sale and assignment not been made;

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AND the Assignors hereby authorize and request the attorneys of Buchanan Ingersoll PC (including attorneys from Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis) to insert in the spaces provided above the title of the invention, filing date, application number, and attorney's docket number of said application when known.

AND the Assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all said Letters Patent of the United States to the Assignee as the Assignee of said inventions, the Letters Patent to be issued for the sole use and behoof of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns.

DATE Nov. 30, 2006

Morito Oshita
Morito OSHITA

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Hidetoshi Inayoshi
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