

PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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WHEREAS, SONY CORPORATION, a Japanese corporation, with a principal place of business at 7-35, Kitashinagawa 6-chome Shinagawa-Ku, Tokyo, Japan, hereinafter referred to as "Assignor," by virtue of an assignment recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 17, 1999, Reel 010464, Frame 0596, is sole owner of U.S. Patent No. 6287709, issued September 11, 2001, corresponding to U.S. Application Serial No. 09/397,068, entitled "**SPIN-VALVE FILM, MAGNETORESISTANCE-EFFECT DEVICE AND MAGNETO-RESISTANCE-EFFECT MAGNETIC HEAD**";

WHEREAS, NEW ENERGY AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION, a Japanese corporation, with a principal place of business at 1310 Omiya-Cho, Saiwai-Ku, Kawasaki City, Kanagawa, Japan, hereinafter referred to as "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring **ONE-HALF (50%)** interest, right and title in the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, **SONY CORPORATION**, by these presents, does sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, **ONE-HALF (50%)** of **SONY CORPORATION'S** right, title and interest in and to said patent, including reissue applications thereof; the same to be held and enjoyed by the said Assignee for its use, and for their legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said patent is granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made.

Executed this 16 day of January, 2007

SONY CORPORATIONBy: Name: Fumihiko Moriya

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