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Ichihara-shi, Chiba-ken, Japan, hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in

PRODUCTION METHOD FOR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on

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Whereas, SHOWA DENKO K.K. of 13-9, Shibadaimon 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan (assignee),

desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States and

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

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I/We hereby authorize and request my/our attorneys SUGHRUE MION, PLLC of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037-3213 to insert here in parentheses (Application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

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