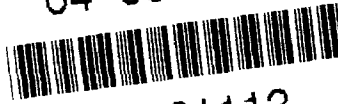


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(hereinafter also referred to as "the Assignors"); have invented new and useful improvements in an **ZOOM OPTICAL SYSTEM AND ELECTRONIC IMAGING APPARATUS USING THE SAME**, for which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, said application having been filed on \_\_\_\_\_, Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_ ; and

WHEREAS, OLYMPUS CORPORATION, a Japanese company with a place of business at 43-2, Hatagaya 2-chome, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0072, Japan, (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the application and invention therein described and claimed and any Letters Patent that may be issued upon the application or for the improvements therein contained.

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