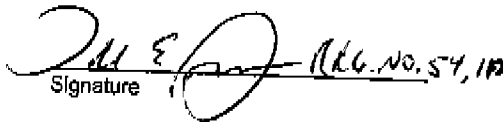


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TOSHIHIKO OHTOMO of Shizuoka, JAPAN, YASUHIRO SUGAMATA of Shizuoka, JAPAN,
and KUNIHICO MATSUMOTO of Aichi Japan, hereby assign to:

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its successors and assigns (collectively hereinafter called "the Assignee"), the entire right, title
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and we authorize and request the attorneys appointed in said application to hereafter complete
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at Shizuoka JAPAN

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