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THIS ASSIGNMENT, made this 21st day of August, 2007, by Jun TOMINAGA, Ryohei SHIGEMATSU and Masakatsu NAGASHIMA (hereinafter referred to as Assignor), residing at c/o NHK SPRING CO., LTD., 3-10, Fukuura, Kanazawa-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa 236-0004 Japan;

WHEREAS, Assignor has invented certain new and useful improvements in JOINT STRUCTURE AND JOINING METHOD, set forth in a Patent application for Letters Patent of the United States, filed herewith or if not filed herewith, being earlier filed on _____ and having Serial No. _____; and

WHEREAS, NHK SPRING CO., LTD., a company organized under and pursuant to the laws of Japan having its principal place of business at 3-10, Fukuura, Kanazawa-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa 236-0004 Japan (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said Application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefore and thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions and application for Letters Patent, and in and to any and all direct and indirect divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, and any and all Letters Patent in the United States and all foreign countries which may be granted therefore and thereon, and reissues, reexaminations and extensions of said Letters Patent, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by Assignee, for its own use and benefit and the use and benefit of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent may be granted and/or extended, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor, had this sale and assignment not been made.

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AND Assignor acknowledges an obligation of assignment of this invention to Assignee at the time the invention was made.

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