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ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned inventor(s) hereby:

1) Sell(s), assign(s) and transfer(s) to

NIKON CORPORATION

(hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), which has a business office at

2-3, Marunouchi 3-chome, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8331 Japan,

the entire right, title, and interest in any and all inventions and improvements disclosed in, application(s) based upon, and Patent(s) granted upon the information which is disclosed in the application entitled:

SURFACE POSITION DETECTION APPARATUS, EXPOSURE APPARATUS, AND EXPOSURE METHOD
(File No. _____) for which I(we) have executed an application for a United States Letters Patent on January 31, 2008 and February 19, 2008
(Application Serial No. _____ filed on _____.)

2) Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patents resulting from said application, or any division, continuation, substitute or reissue thereof, to the ASSIGNEE.

3) Agree to execute all papers and documents and perform any acts which are reasonably necessary in connection with the prosecution of said application, as well as any derivative applications thereof and/or the enforcement of patents resulting from such applications.

Signed on the date(s) indicated beside my(our) signature(s).

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