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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

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- (3) Tadashi SAKANE, all of Tokyo, Japan 878
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_

In consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations paid to each of the undersigned, the undersigned agree(s) to assign, and hereby does assign, transfer and set over to

- (5) NICHIAS CORPORATION
- (6) of 1-26, Shiba Daimon 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan

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- (10) U.S. appln. Serial Number 12/175, 509, filed on July 18, 2008

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