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WHEREAS, Nippon Mining & Metals Co., Ltd., a Japanese corporation engaged in business at 10-1, Toranomon 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, 105-0001 Japan, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the said invention and any and all applications for Letters Patent and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be issued therefor;

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