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Attorney Reference KF-1023**ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES LETTERS PATENT****WHEREAS** Takehiro NISHIBAhereinafter referred to collectively as the assignor, has invented a certain improvement relating to VALVE ELEMENT UNIT AND GATE VALVE APPARATUS

☐ the inventor(s) declaration for said application being executed concurrently with the execution of this instrument; said application to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office;

☐ said application having been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on, _____ authorization being hereby given to my attorneys, **Kazunao Kubotera and William H. Holt** of KUBOTERA & ASSOCIATES, LLC, Suite 202, 200 Daingerfield Road Alexandria, VA 22314, to insert here in parentheses (Application Serial No.) _____ the application serial number of said application when known;

☒ said application having been filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on June 18, 2007, (Serial No.) PCT/JP2007/062249, the United States of America being designated.

AND WHEREAS NIPPON VALQUA INDUSTRIES, LTDOf Shinjuku Mitsui Building 6F, 1-1 Nishishinjuku 2-Chome,
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EXECUTED, 26 - Nov, 2008.**WITNESS:****ASSIGNOR:**Signature: Masaaki NoreSignature: Takehiro NishibaName: Takehiro NISHIBA**KUBOTERA & ASSOCIATES, LLC****PATENT****RECORDED: 12/04/2008****REEL: 021959 FRAME: 0443**