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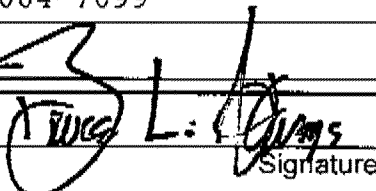
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FOR APPLICATIONS WITH ASSIGNEE NAMED AS APPLICANT**DECLARATION AND ASSIGNMENT
FOR PATENT AND DESIGN APPLICATIONS**Title of
the Invention**SAMPLE PREPARATION APPARATUS AND SAMPLE PREPARATION METHOD**

As a below named inventor (hereinafter designated as "the undersigned"), I hereby declare that:

This declaration is directed to the application attached hereto (hereinafter designated as "the application"). If the application is not attached hereto, the application is as identified by the attorney docket number as set forth above and/or the following:

United States Application No. or PCT International Appln. No. 13/840,117

filed on March 15, 2013 (hereinafter designated as "the application").

The application was made or authorized to be made by me.

I believe that I am the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the application.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the application, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations § 1.56.

WHEREAS, the undersigned has invented certain new and useful improvements described in the application.

WHEREAS, HITACHI HIGH-TECH SCIENCE CORPORATION, located and doing business at 24-14, Nishi-shimbashi 1-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0003, Japan

its heirs, successors, legal representatives and assigns (hereinafter designated as "the Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, in and to the application, and in and to any Letters Patent(s) that may be granted for said invention in the United States of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignee the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States of America, its territories, dependencies and possessions and the entire right, title and interest in and to the application and any and all divisions, continuations and conversions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent(s) and any and all reissues and extensions thereof which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America, its territories, dependencies and possessions.

The undersigned agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with this application and any continuing, divisional, conversion or reissue applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

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In witness whereof, executed by the undersigned on the date alongside the undersigned's name.

LEGAL NAME OF INVENTOR

Inventor: Xin MAN

Date: March 1, 2013

Signature: Xin Man

☐ Additional inventors are being named on the 1 supplemental sheet(s) attached hereto.