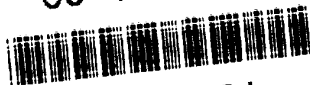


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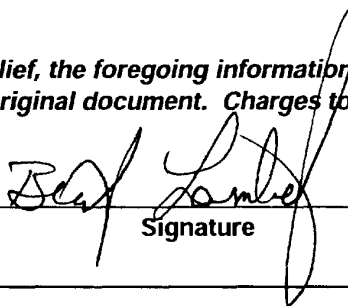
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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

WHEREAS, We, Robert D. Little, residing at 2650 Evans Road, Apex, North Carolina 27502, and Prasad Balakrishnan, residing at 700 Dawnwood Court, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609, have made certain inventions, discoveries or improvements in an IMPROVED OVERLOAD PROTECTION DEVICE which are disclosed in a patent application executed by us and about to be filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office;

AND WHEREAS, ATI Industrial Automation, Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of North Carolina and having a place of business at Peachtree Center, 503-D Highway 70 East, Garner, North Carolina 27529, hereinafter called the "Assignee," desires to acquire all right, title and interest in and to said invention and applications within the United States and its territorial possessions and all foreign countries, and any United States or foreign Letters Patent that may be granted therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the payment of salary and other benefits to us by Assignee, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and with the intention of being legally bound hereby, we confirm that we have sold, assigned and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer to said Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and application within the United States of America and its territorial possessions and all foreign countries, and in and to any United States or foreign Letters Patent that may be granted therefor, including all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, substitutions, patents of addition, reissues, reexaminations, renewals and extensions thereof, and the right to apply for Letters Patent in foreign countries with full benefit of such priorities as may now or hereafter be granted to us by local laws or by treaty, including any international convention for the protection of industrial property, together with the right to extend the protection of said Patent to the various territorial possessions now owned or which may be hereafter acquired by the United States of America, all said rights to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee for its use and benefit and for the use and benefit of its successors or assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made. And we do hereby request and authorize the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, and any officials of foreign countries whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all said Letters Patent for said designs and applications, when granted, in accordance with the terms of this assignment.

We further covenant and agree with the Assignee that we have a full and unencumbered title to the invention and applications herein assigned, which title we warrant unto the Assignee, and we further agree that, when requested, we will, without demanding any further consideration therefor but at the expense of Assignee, do all lawful and just acts, including the execution and acknowledgment of instruments, that may be or become necessary for obtaining, sustaining or reissuing United States or foreign Letters Patent for the said invention and applications, and for

maintaining and perfecting the Assignee's right to said invention and applications particularly in cases of interference and litigation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We, the said Robert D. Little and Prasad Balakrishnan, have hereunto set our hand and affixed our seal.

Robert D. Little (Seal)
Robert D. Little

Date: 6/15/98.

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I, Robert C. Wage, a Notary Public of the aforesaid County and State, do hereby certify that Robert D. Little personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument.

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