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ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I, Bernhard Heuft, hereby agree to assign, and do hereby assign to Heuft Systemtechnik GmbH, having a principal place of business in Burgbrohl, Germany, and to its successors, legal representatives and assigns (the "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interests throughout the world in and to the invention and improvements in "Process and Device for Testing Deformable Containers for Tightness," invented by me, together with the patent rights and rights of protection to the invention or improvements throughout the world, including any patent rights which may result or claim priority from United States Patent Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_, and in and to any and all divisional, continuation, reissue, reexamination, renewal, extension, substitution and confirmation applications and patents granted thereon, to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee for its own use and behalf as fully and entirely as if the invention or improvements would have been held and enjoyed by me if this Assignment had not been made.

I warrant that I am the sole and exclusive owner of the interests assigned herein and have the right to make this Assignment. I further warrant that there are no prior sales, assignments, leases, agreements or any encumbrances of any type in the interests assigned herein. I agree that I will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever which conflicts with the interests assigned herein.

I authorize and request the patent office officials in the United States to issue the patent rights to Heuft Systemtechnik GmbH.

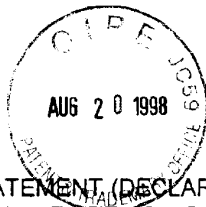
I authorize and request the attorneys of record in the application to insert in this Assignment the date and serial number of the application when known.

I hereby agree, upon the request and at the expense of the Assignee, but without further or additional consideration, to execute any and all divisional, continuation, reissue, reexamination, renewal, extension, substitution and confirmation applications for the invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or supplemental oath or affidavit relating thereto, that the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient. I agree to promptly provide Assignee all pertinent facts and documents relating to the invention of which I know or of which I in the future become aware. I further agree, upon the request of the Assignee, in the event of the application or any divisional, continuation, reissue, reexamination, renewal, extension, substitution or confirmation applications and patents granted on the invention or any improvements becoming involved in an interference, opposition, court or other proceeding, to cooperate to the best of my ability with the Assignee in preparing and executing the preliminary statement, giving and producing evidence, and giving testimony in support thereof.

First Inventor's Signature: B Heuft  
Name: Bernhard Heuft  
Date: 19.01.1998

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Angela Lotze

Ursula Nahrendorf  
Ursula Nahrendorf



VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION)  
CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37  
CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27(c)) -- SMALL  
BUSINESS CONCERN

I hereby declare that I am an  
official of the small business concern  
empowered to act on behalf of the concern  
identified below:

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I further declare that the above  
identified small business concern qualifies  
as a small business concern as defined in  
13 CFR 121.3-18, and reproduced in 37  
CFR 1.9(d), for purposes of paying reduced  
fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title  
35, United States Code, in that the number  
of employees of the concern, including  
those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500  
persons. For purposes of this statement,  
(1) the number of employees of the  
business concern is the average over the  
previous fiscal year of the concern of the  
persons employed on a full-time, part-time,  
or temporary basis during each of the pay  
periods of the fiscal year, and (2) concerns  
are affiliates of each other when either,  
directly or indirectly, one concern controls  
or has the power to control the other, or a  
third-party or parties controls or has the  
power to control both.

I further declare that rights under  
contract or law have been conveyed to, and  
remain with the small business concern  
identified above with regard to the invention  
entitled Process and device for  
testing deformable containers  
for tightness \_\_\_\_\_ by  
the inventor(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
described in \_\_\_\_\_

VERIFIZIERTE AUSSAGE (ERKLÄRUNG)  
ZUR BEANSPRUCHUNG DES STATUS  
KLEINEINHEIT (SMALL ENTITY) (37 CFR  
1.9(f) UND 1.27(c)) KLEINUNTERNEHMEN

Ich erkläre hiermit, daß ich ein  
Vertreter des nachstehend genannten  
Kleinunternehmens bin und bevollmächtigt  
bin, im Auftrag des besagten Unter-  
nehmens zu handeln:

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Ich erkläre ferner, daß das oben  
genannte Kleinunternehmen der rechtlichen  
Definition eines Kleinunternehmens gemäß  
13 CFR 121.3-18, wiederholt in 37 CFR  
1.9(d) entspricht, wonach die Zahl der  
Beschäftigten des Unternehmens ein-  
schließlich seiner Zweigunternehmen 500  
Personen nicht überschreiten darf, und daß  
das besagte Kleinunternehmen deshalb zur  
Zahlung reduzierter Anmeldegebühren  
gemäß Absatz 41(a) und (b), Kapitel 35  
des United States Code berechtigt ist. Zum  
Zwecke dieser Erklärung ist (1) die Anzahl  
der Beschäftigten des Unternehmens die  
durchschnittliche Anzahl der im vor-  
ausgegangenem Geschäftsjahr des Unter-  
nehmens in jeder Lohnzahlungsperiode auf  
Vollzeit-, Teilzeit- oder vorübergehender  
Basis beschäftigten Personen und (2)  
gelten Unternehmen als Zweigunternehmen  
voneinander, wenn entweder ein Unter-  
nehmen direkt oder indirekt das andere  
kontrolliert oder über die Macht verfügt, das  
andere zu kontrollieren, oder wenn ein oder  
mehrere Dritte beide Unternehmen kontrol-  
lieren bzw. über die Macht verfügen, beide  
zu kontrollieren.

Ich erkläre ferner, daß gemäß  
Vertrag oder Gesetz auf das oben ge-  
nannte Kleinunternehmen gewisse Rechte  
übertragen worden sind bzw. bei diesem  
verbleiben, die sich auf die Erfindung mit  
der Bezeichnung "Verfahren und  
Vorrichtung zum Prüfen von  
verformbaren Behältern auf  
Dichtigkeit" \_\_\_\_\_  
des/der Erfinder(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Bernhard HEUFT  
\_\_\_\_\_ die in \_\_\_\_\_

- the specification filed herewith as identified above.
- the application identified above.
- the patent identified above.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights in the invention are listed below and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any other concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 27 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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No such person, concern or organization.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in the status resulting in the loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small business entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing

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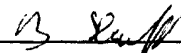
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Name: Bernhard HEUFT

Unterschrift: 

Titel: Geschäftsführer

Datum: 27.11.1997

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