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WHEREAS the undersigned (hereinafter "ASSIGNOR") have invented certain new and useful improvements in

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CRACK-RESISTANT RUTHENIUM LAYERS

for which an application for United States Letters Patent was executed concurrently herewith unless otherwise indicated and claims the benefit of German priority application 197 41 990.9 filed September 24, 1997

WHEREAS, DEGUSSA AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT, Weissfrauenstrasse 9, 60311 Frankfurt am Main 1, Federal Republic of Germany

a German Corporation (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the same:

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of good and valuable consideration, the said ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto said ASSIGNEE, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and all other countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent, which may be granted therefore in the United States, and all other countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, and extensions thereof.

Said ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said ASSIGNEE, as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and for the use of its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be

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The ASSIGNOR authorizes any attorneys and agents who have a power of attorney in this application to check any appropriate boxes and to insert the Serial Number and filing date in this document after it has been executed.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands

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