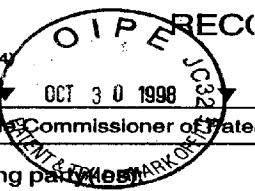


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WHEREAS, ~~I~~ we, Dr. Klaus WOLKE of Reuteweg 3,  
75382 Althengstett, and Martin WEBER of Herrengarten 4,  
78073 Bad Dür rheim, all Germany

have invented an improvement in \_\_\_\_\_  
METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DRYING SUBSTRATES

for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States  
[ ] is being made herewith;

[X] was filed on July 10, 1998 under Serial No. 09/114,420

AND WHEREAS, STEAG MicroTech GmbH of Carl-Benz-Straße 10,  
72124 Pliezhausen, Germany

is desirous of acquiring an interest in the same:

Now, Therefore, in consideration of One Dollar and other  
good and valuable considerations, the receipt whereof is hereby  
acknowledged, ~~I~~ we hereby assign, sell and set over unto the  
said STEAG MicroTech GmbH

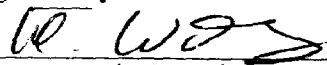
its assigns and legal representatives, all the right, title and  
interest in and to said invention for the United States and its  
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divisions, reissues and extensions thereof in the United States,  
and hereby request that said Letters Patent issue accordingly.


For said considerations, ~~I~~ we, Dr. Klaus WOLKE and  
Martin WEBER

agree to execute all papers that may be necessary to file  
applications in the United States for said invention and to  
assign the same to said STEAG MicroTech GmbH

\_\_\_\_\_ or any assignee acquiring  
title to said invention, and to execute any other papers that may  
be needed in connection with filing said applications and  
securing patents thereon.

In Testimony whereof, this assignment is being executed this  
6th day of October 19 98.

  
(Dr. Klaus WOLKE)

  
(Martin WEBER)