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## 1. Names of conveying parties:

- 1) BENEDETTO VIGNA
- 2) ENRICO MARIA ALFONSO RAVANELLI
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- 5)
- 6)

Additional names of conveying parties attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

## 3. Nature of conveyance:

- ☒ Assignment ☐ Merger  
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## 2. Name and address of receiving party:

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09/205,668

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, **BENEDETTO VIGNA** and **ENRICO MARIA ALFONSO RAVANELLI** (hereinafter referred to as **ASSIGNORS**), having post office addresses of Via Anzio, 20, 85100 Potenza, Italy, and Via Stelvio, 5, 20052 Monza, Italy, respectively, are the joint inventors of an invention entitled **"INTEGRATED ELECTRONIC DEVICE COMPRISING A MECHANICAL STRESS PROTECTION STRUCTURE,"** as described and claimed in the specification for which an application for United States letters patent was filed on December 4, 1998 and assigned Application No. 09/205,668, claiming priority based on European Application No. 97830654.6, filed December 5, 1997.

WHEREAS, STMicroelectronics S.r.l. (hereinafter referred to as **ASSIGNEE**), a corporation of the country of Italy having a place of business at Via C. Olivetti, 2, I-20041 Agrate Brianza, Italy, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all countries of the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, **ASSIGNORS** hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said **ASSIGNEE** the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all countries of the world, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file applications worldwide directly in the name of **ASSIGNEE** and to claim priority rights deriving from the first filed application to which said worldwide applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by **ASSIGNEE** and its successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by **ASSIGNORS** had **ASSIGNORS** been the original owners and this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. **ASSIGNORS** hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to **ASSIGNEE**. **ASSIGNORS** agree to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United

States and letters patent in all countries of the world on said invention, for litigation regarding letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

Applicants' counsel is authorized to insert the official filing date and application number information when it becomes available.

  
BENEDETTO VIGNA

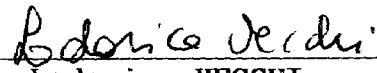
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I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that BENEDETTO VIGNA signed this instrument of his own free will, as a voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Witness   
Carlo MENESCARDI  
Date: March 5, 1999

  
ENRICO MARIA ALFONSO RAVANELLI  
Date: March 5, 1999

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that ENRICO MARIA ALFONSO RAVANELLI signed this instrument of his own free will, as a voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Witness   
Lodovica VECCHI  
Date: March 5, 1999

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