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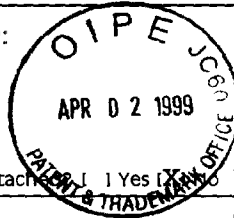
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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, we, Willibald PIRKER and Franz SUMNITSCH, hereafter referred to as "applicants", have invented certain new and useful improvements in **APPARATUS FOR PREVENTING DRIPPING FROM CONDUIT OPENINGS,**

(a) for which an application for a United States patent was filed on September 18, 1998, Application No. 09/156,598,

(b) for which an application for a United States patent was executed on _____, and

WHEREAS, **SEZ Semiconductor-Equipment Zubehor fur die Halbleiterfertigung AG**, of Draubodenweg 29, A-9500 Villach, Austria, hereinafter referred to as "assignee", is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), the receipt whereof is acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, applicants, by these presents, do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said assignee the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents which may be granted therefor in the United States, for its sole use and behoof, and for the use and behoof of its legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said patents may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by applicants had this assignment and sale not been made.

Applicants hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said United States patents to said assignee.

Date: October 2, 1998



Willibald PIRKER

Date: October 2, 1998



Franz SUMNITSCH