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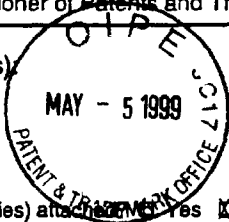
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Frank J. Hermanek



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**ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION, PRIORITY RIGHTS
AND RIGHTS TO APPLY FOR PATENTS**

I, the undersigned, Frank J. Hermanek, Manager Application Engineering and Citizen of the
United States of America, residing at 6818 Westlake Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46214-3822,

HEREBY STATE UNDER OATH that I am the original, first and true inventor of an invention for
WEAR-RESISTANT QUASICRYSTALLINE COATING

as described and/or claimed in my application for Letters Patent in the United States of America,
executed on the 19th day of April, 19 99, (Docket No. D-20,757).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of my employment by Praxair Surface Technologies, Inc. manufacturers, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America, having an office at 1500 Polco Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46224, United States of America, and in fulfillment of my pre-existing obligation of assignment to my employer,

I DO HEREBY ASSIGN, TRANSFER AND SELL my entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention and application unto

PRAXAIR S.T. TECHNOLOGY, INC.

technology licensors, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States of America, its successors and nominees, having an office at 441 Sackett Point Road, North Haven, Connecticut 06473, United States of America and being a wholly owned subsidiary of the said Praxair Surface Technologies, Inc., as the Assignee, without any restrictions, reservations or limitations, the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid application for Letters Patent and all patents which may be granted thereon, and all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reissues and extension thereof;

INCLUDING ALL RIGHTS in and to said invention in any country of the world, including, but not limited to, all priority rights derived from the aforesaid application for Letters Patent by virtue of the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and for any and all member countries of the aforesaid International Convention;

AND FURTHER INCLUDING THE SOLE RIGHT to file such applications under the Patent Laws of any country of the world in its name and/or mine, and the sole right to have patents granted on said applications in its name and/or mine 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 me had this assignment not been made, and to enforce said patents with my right to sue in any court of competent jurisdiction and obtain all remedies available, including but not limited to injunctions and to recover lost profits or compensatory and enhanced damages and attorneys fee for any and all infringements thereof,

AND AUTHORIZE my attorney of record to insert below in this instrument the serial number and filing date of said application;

AND AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents on said invention resulting therefrom to said PRAXAIR S.T. TECHNOLOGY, INC. as Assignee of the entire right, title and interest, and covenant that I have the full right so to do, and agree that I will communicate to said PRAXAIR S.T. TECHNOLOGY, INC. or its representatives any facts known to me respecting said invention and testify in legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, continuation-in-part, extensions and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said PRAXAIR S.T. TECHNOLOGY, INC. its successors, assigns, or nominees, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

SIGNED AND SEALED AT Indianapolis, In this 19
day of April, 1999.

WITNESSES:

- 1. Sherry Walsh
- 2. Richard Harder

Frank J. Hermanek
FRANK J. HERMANEK

State of Indiana)
County of Marion) ss:

This 19 day of April, 1999, before me personally came the above-named Frank J. Hermanek to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who has acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

Beverly A. Stephens
Notary Public

(Seal)

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Beverly A. Stephens  
Notary Public, State of Indiana  
Marion County  
My Commission Expires 07/09/99  
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ACCEPTANCE

WE, the undersigned, PRAXAIR S.T. TECHNOLOGY, INC. of 441 Sackett Point Road, North Haven, Connecticut 06473, United States of America, do hereby declare that we have accepted the foregoing assignment.

Danbury, Connecticut, U.S.A. April 28, 1999

(Seal)

PRAXAIR S.T. TECHNOLOGY, INC.

Christina Mommens
Witness:

By Joann M. Jelsa
Joann M. Jelsa
Authorized Agent

Wayne Hardy
Witness:

The application identified above as Docket No. D-20,757 was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 16, 1999 and was given Serial Number 09/270,133.

This insertion was made by me this 28th day of April, 1999

Blake T. Biederman
Attorney For Applicant
Blake T. Biederman