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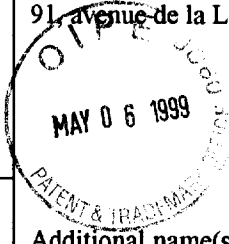
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Whereas, PONT-A-MOUSSON S.A., 91, avenue de la Liberation, F-54000 Nancy, France (Assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;


Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

We, the above named Assignors, hereby sell, assign and transfer to the above named Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the application and the invention disclosed therein for the United States of America, including the right to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and we request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to the Assignee, its successors and assigns; and we will execute without further consideration all papers deemed necessary by the Assignee in connection with the United States application when called upon to do so by the Assignee.

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