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Of Patent Application for: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ANALYZING THE END FACE OF A MULTIFIBER FERRULE

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made this 25th day of Muy, 1999, by

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WHEREAS, the said assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ANALYZING THE END FACE OF A MULTIFIBER FERRULE set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed on even date herewith; and,

WHEREAS, Siecor Operations, LLC, a limited liability company duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of the State of North Carolina and having its principal place of business at 800 l7th Avenue NW, Hickory, N. C. 28603, (hereinafter referred to as the assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and said application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) and other good and sufficient considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said assignors have sold, assigned, transferred and set over and by these presents, do sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above mentioned inventions, application for Letters Patent, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and in and to any and all divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said application, or reissues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by the said assignee, for its own use and behoof and the use and behoof of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the assignors, had this sale and assignment not been made.

AND for the same consideration, the said assignors hereby covenant and agree to and with the said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that, at the time of execution and delivery of these presents, the said assignors are the sole and lawful owners of the entire right, title and interest in and to the said inventions and the application for Letters Patent above mentioned, and that the same are

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unencumbered and that the said assignors have good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner herein set forth.

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AND the said assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent of the United States to the said assignee, as the assignee of said inventions and the Letters Patent to be issued thereon for the sole use and behoof of the said assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

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