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In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we Andrew H. Strange, residing at 47 Sumac Lane, Attleboro, Massachusetts 02760, and Wayne S. Alden, III, residing at 66 Dewey Avenue, Whitman, Massachusetts 02382-1407, hereby sell and assign to THOMAS & BETTS INTERNATIONAL, INC., a Delaware corporation, having a principal place of business at 250 Lillard Drive, Sparks, Nevada 89431 its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest, including the right to claim priority under the International Convention, throughout the United States, its territories and all foreign countries in and to our invention(s) in

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and the United States Letters Patent therefor filed on March 19, 1999, Application No. 09/272,840, and any such patents as may issue thereon, and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof.

And we hereby covenant that we have full right to make such assignment, and agree for ourselves and our executors and administrators that we will, at the expense of said THOMAS & BETTS CORPORATION, execute all applications for patents in foreign countries, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and re-examination applications, make all rightful oaths, sign all lawful papers, testify in any proceeding in which said invention or any application or patent directed thereto may be involved, and generally do everything possible to aid said THOMAS & BETTS INTERNATIONAL, INC., its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention(s) in the United States, its territories and all foreign countries.

And we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue all Letters Patent on said invention or resulting therefrom to THOMAS & BETTS INTERNATIONAL, INC., its successors and assigns.

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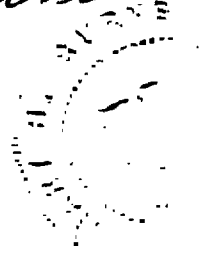
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State of Mass.)
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Subscribed and sworn to before me by the above-named
Wayne S. Alden, III on this 3 day of June, 1999.

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