
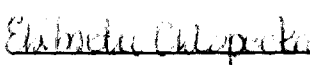


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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Olov Nylund and Thorbjörn Sahlin of SWEDEN, have invented certain improvements entitled NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLY, and described in the U.S. Patent Application filed December 21, 1998, as U.S. National Application of PCT/SE97/01082 filed 18 June 1997;

WHEREAS, ABB ATOM AB, S-721 63 Västerås, SWEDEN (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in any and all foreign countries and all reissues, divisions, continuations, extensions, substitutions and renewals thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, we, by these presents, do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in any and all foreign countries, and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, substitutions, renewals and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said U.S. application.

We hereby authorize and request the Patent Trademark Office officials in the United States and its territorial possessions and any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said ASSIGNEE as the assignee of our entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and

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The undersigned hereby grant(s) the firm of Pollock, Vande Sande & Amernick, R.L.L.P., 1990 M Street, N.W., Suite 800, P.O. Box 19088, Washington, D.C. 20036 the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent Office for recordation of this document.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands as follows:

Date: 15 Jan. 1999

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OLOV NYLUND

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