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WHEREAS, Bürkert Werke GmbH & Co., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany, having a place of business at Christian-Bürkert-Strasse 13-17, 74653 Ingelfingen, Germany, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said improvements and all patents therefor to be obtained in the United States of America and countries foreign to the United States;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN that for valuable considerations to me paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Gerhard HETTINGER, do hereby assign, sell and set over unto the said Bürkert Werke GmbH & Co., its successors or assigns; the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid improvements and any and all inventions pertaining thereto, the application for United States patent executed by me on the 19th day of November , 1998, all patents granted therefor in the United States of America and elsewhere, and the right to apply for patents therefor in all countries foreign to the United States and to claim for such applications the priority of United States applications, and I hereby request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue such patents to the said Bürkert Werke GmbH & Co., its successors or assigns; and I further agree to execute such other applications and other instruments and do all other acts as may be deemed necessary by the said Bürkert Werke GmbH & Co., its successors or assigns in order fully to secure, protect, and preserve its

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