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**ASSIGNMENT**

**WHEREAS, I, Dieter Schmidt**, a German citizen, with a post office address of Billrothstrasse 6, D-90482 Nürnberg, Germany, hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNOR," has invented a certain new and useful

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for which I have executed a United States patent application, Application No 09/297,597, filed May 4, 1999, and

**ASSIGNOR** authorizes **ASSIGNEE** or **ASSIGNEE's** representative to insert the Application Number and Filing date of this application if they are unknown at the time of execution of this Assignment.

**WHEREAS, INA Wälzlager Schaeffler oHG**, a German corporation having a place of business at D-91072 Herzogenaurach, Germany, hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNEE", is desirous of acquiring said invention and said patent application.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable executed consideration, the full receipt and sufficiency of all of which are hereby acknowledged and intending to be legally bound hereby, I, the undersigned **ASSIGNOR**, hereby agrees to sell, assign, transfer and convey and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the above-named **ASSIGNEE**, the whole and entire right, title and interest

in and to said invention as described in the above patent application, for the territory of the United States and its possessions and territories and all foreign countries;

in and to the above patent application and any and all related United States and foreign patent applications disclosing said invention, including provisionals, non-provisionals, divisions and continuations thereof, along with all rights of priority created by said patent application under any treaty relating thereto; and

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said invention, application(s) and patent(s) to be held and enjoyed by the above-named ASSIGNEE, for ASSIGNEE's own use and benefit, and for ASSIGNEE's legal representatives and assigns to the full end of the term or terms for which said patent(s) may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the undersigned ASSIGNOR had this assignment and sale not been made; and for the aforesaid consideration ASSIGNOR hereby covenants, agrees and undertakes to execute, whenever requested by the above-named ASSIGNEE, all patent applications, assignments, lawful oaths and any other papers which ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or desirable for securing to ASSIGNEE or for maintaining for ASSIGNEE all the patent(s) hereby assigned or agreed to be assigned; all without further compensation to the undersigned ASSIGNOR.

May 11, 1999

(Date)

Dieter Schmidt

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