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WHEREAS, **VARIAN SEMICONDUCTOR EQUIPMENT ASSOCIATES, INC.**, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of **Delaware** and having its principal place of business at Blackburn Industrial Park, 35 Dory Road, Gloucester, MA 01930-2297 (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the exclusive right, title and interest in, to and under said invention and in, to and under any Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States of America, its territorial possessions and in any and all countries foreign thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention and to all Letters Patent or application or similar legal protection, not only in the United States and its territorial possessions, but in all countries foreign thereto to be obtained for said invention by said application, and to any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof or any legal equivalent thereof in the United States or a foreign country for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted, including all priority rights under any international conventions; and ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue

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Walter Sullivan
WALTER SULLIVAN

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On Essex before me, Walter Sullivan, personally appeared WALTER SULLIVAN personally known to me - OR - proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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Meryl A. Russell
Notary Public in and for said County and State
My commission expires: Dec. 18, 2001