

A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, I, CARL MAEDER, citizen of Switzerland, have made an invention for which I am making application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled **METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR CONVEYING INDIVIDUALLY HELD PRODUCTS**, which is described in International Patent Application No. PCT/CH97/00444, and for which a US national phase application ("the Application") is being executed concurrently herewith; and

WHEREAS, FERAG AG, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Switzerland is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any improvements thereon, and in and to the said application for Letters Patent therefor, and any Letters Patent which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that I, CARL MAEDER, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Swiss Francs (SFr10.00), lawful money of Switzerland, to me in hand paid by said FERAG AG, and other valuable considerations unto me moving from said FERAG AG, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said FERAG AG, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention for which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States by the Application, and any and all improvements thereon, and in and to said application and any division, continuation or continuation-in-part thereof, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued on any of said applications, and any reissues thereof, and in and to any and all applications for Letters Patent filed in foreign countries for said invention or improvements including all priority rights, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in foreign countries therefor, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all said Letters Patent may be granted;

AND I, CARL MAEDER, do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States to said FERAG AG, as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and benefit of said FERAG AG, its successors and assigns;

AND I, CARL MAEDER, for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said FERAG AG, its successors and assigns, that I have the full power to make this assignment, and

that the rights assigned are not encumbered by any grant, license or right heretofore given, and that I, my executor or administrator, shall and will do all lawful acts and things and make, execute and deliver without further compensation, any and all other instruments in writing, further applications, papers, affidavits, powers of attorney, assignments, and other documents which, in the opinion of counsel for said FERAG AG, its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary more effectively to secure to and vest in said FERAG AG, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges, and advantages hereby sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and that I will sign any applications for reissue which may be desired by the owner of the patent or patents which may be issued for the said invention or improvements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and seal on the date below written.

Carl Maeder 13-7-99
Carl Maeder date