

A S S I G N M E N T

Joint

WHEREAS we, Marc Van Damme and Joan Vermeersch, respectively have made a certain new and useful invention as set forth in an application for United States Letters Patent executed by us the 28th day of October 1996 for "A heat sensitive imaging element and a method for producing lithographic plates therewith" filed on Dec. 9, 1996 under Serial No. 08/762,441, the hereinafter named assignee being hereby authorized to insert the said serial number and filing date when ascertained;

AND WHEREAS, AGFA-GEVAERT, a naamloze vennootschap organised under the laws of Belgium, of Septestraat 27, B 2640 Mortsel, Belgium, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the United States in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be obtained for said invention;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable considerations, we do each of us hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said AGFA-GEVAERT, its legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to all inventions whether joint or sole disclosed in said application for Letters Patent and in and to any all divisional, continuation or reissue applications that may be filed for United States Letters Patent for any of said inventions and in and to all United States Patents that may be granted on the foregoing application;

UPON SAID CONSIDERATIONS, we do hereby agree with the said assignee that we will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that we will, at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration but at the expense of the said assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as said assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, continuation or reissued Letters Patent of the United States on said invention, and in enforcing any rights or choses in action accruing as a result of such applications or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents, and by executing preliminary statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of, the assigns and legal representatives or assignor and assignee;

And we request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued for said inventions to said AGFA-GEVAERT its legal representatives, successors or assigns as the sole owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to said patent and in the United States in and to the invention covered thereby.

Marc Van Damme

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Joan Vermeersch

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Witnesses:

Jeannine Van der Syt

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Date: October 28, 1996