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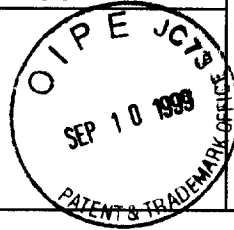
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WHEREAS, VALMET CORPORATION, Fabianinkatu 9 A, FIN-00130 Helsinki, Finland, (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in any and all foreign countries and all reissues, divisions, continuations, extensions, substitutions and renewals thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, I, by these presents, do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in any and all foreign countries, and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, substitutions, renewals and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said U.S. application.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand as follows:

Date: AUG 30, 1999

By: *Nils Söderholm*

Nils Söderholm