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WHEREAS, I, Wilhelm KARNER, a citizen of Austria, residing at Schoffelstrasse 33, A-3032 Eichgraben, Austria, (hereinafter ASSIGNOR), have made a certain invention entitled PROCESS AND APPARATUS FOR ELECTROLYTICALLY COATING A HOT-ROLLED STEEL SUBSTRATE for which I am making application for Letters Patent of the United States, which application was filed July 29, 1999 and is assigned Serial No. 09/363,038; and

WHEREAS, ANDRITZ-Patentverwaltungs-Gesellschaft m.b.H., a corporation duly organized under the laws of Austria, located and doing business at Statteggerstrasse 18, A-8045 Graz, Austria (hereinafter ASSIGNEE), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforementioned invention and the aforementioned application and any and all Letters Patent to be obtained on said invention and/or application;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BE IT KNOWN that for good and valuable consideration paid to me by said ASSIGNEE, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the ASSIGNOR, by these presents do hereby sell, assign, set over and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention in and for the United States and all countries foreign thereto; and in, to and under the aforesaid United States application and any corresponding foreign applications and any divisional, continuing, substitute or reissue applications or supplementary disclosures which may be filed on said invention in any country; and my right to file said foreign applications and claim priority under the provisions of the International Convention; and any Letters Patent of the United States or any foreign country issued or granted on said invention and/or said applications;

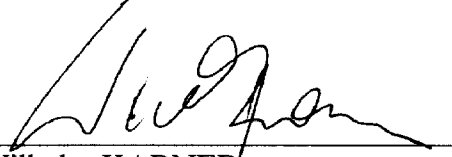
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and seal.



Wilhelm KARNER

15.09.1999
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