



ASSIGNMENT

Whereas We, XAVIER MERY and CLAUDE CHEVALLIER  
of Bagneux and Acheres, France, respectively,  
have made a certain new and useful invention relating to

PROCÉDÉ DE CHANGEMENT D'UNE CARTOUCHE FILTRANTE MONTÉE DANS  
UN CONDUIT D'ÉCOULEMENT D'UN FLUIDE ET AGENCEMENT POUR LA MISE  
EN OEUVRE DU PROCÉDÉ

for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent of the  
United States of America on September \_\_\_\_, 1999, which application is  
identified in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as Serial  
No. 09/359,040, filing date July 23, 1999; and

Whereas SOCIETE D'ETUDES ET DE CONSTRUCTIONS AERO-NAVALES  
of Gennevilliers, France

the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and  
interest in and to the invention, the patent application, and the  
Letters Patent to be obtained therefor:

Now, therefore, for and in consideration of One Dollar, and  
other good and valuable considerations, paid to us, the receipt and  
sufficiency of which are acknowledged, we have sold, assigned, and  
set over and by these presents do sell, assign, and set over to the  
Assignee and the Assignee's legal representatives, successors, and  
assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the  
invention, the patent application, the Letters Patent that may or  
shall issue from the patent application, and any and all divisions,  
continuations, continuations-in-part, reexaminations, reissues, or  
extensions of the patent application or Letters Patent; and we  
authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to  
issue the Letters Patent to the Assignee in agreement with the terms  
of this assignment.

We authorize the Assignee and its agents to insert or to have  
inserted in this instrument the execution date and/or the filing date  
and serial number of our patent application.

We convey to the Assignee the right to make application in its  
own behalf for protection of the invention in countries foreign to  
the United States and to claim under the International Convention for  
the Protection of Industrial Property (the Paris Convention), the  
Patent Cooperation Treaty, and any other international arrangements  
for any such patent application, the date of the United States  
application (or other patent applications, if there be any) in  
priority to other patent applications; and we covenant and agree with  
the Assignee that we will not execute any writing or do any act  
conflicting with this assignment, and that we will at any time, upon

request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the Assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as the Assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the Assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and will give all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, renewal, reissued, reexamined or extended Letters Patent of the United States and of any and all foreign countries for the invention, in enforcing any rights or choses in action accruing as a result of such patent applications or patents, for example, by executing preliminary statements and other affidavits and declarations, it being understood that this agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of, the assigns and legal representatives of both parties.

In witness whereof, we have signed and sealed this assignment on

12/10/99

Xavier MERY  
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CLAUDE CHEVALLIER

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