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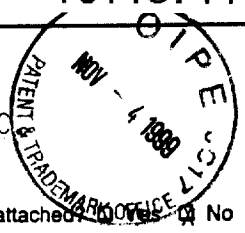
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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No



2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Praxair Surface Technologies, Inc.
1500 Polco Street
Indianapolis, IN 46224

3. Nature of conveyance:

Assignment

Execution Date: June 24, 1999

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A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s)

- 1) 5,482,734
- 2) 5,528,010

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Miss Joann M. Jelsa
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PATENT

I, Marcia A. Reifenheiser, Assistant Secretary of PRAXAIR SURFACE TECHNOLOGIES, INC. do hereby certify that the attached Patent Assignment for U.S. Patent Nos. 5,482,734 and 5,528,010 is a true and exact copy of the original document.

SIGNED and SEALED at Danbury, Connecticut, U.S.A. this 2nd day of November, 1999.

By: Marcia A. Reifenheiser BTB
Name: Marcia A. Reifenheiser
Title: Assistant Secretary

State of Connecticut)
) ss: Danbury
County of Fairfield)

This 2nd day of November, 1999, before me personally came the above-named Marcia A. Reifenheiser, to me personally known as the Assistant Secretary of the above-named corporation and acknowledge that she, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing the name of the corporation by herself as such officer.

(SEAL)

Joann M. Jelsa
Notary Public

JOANN M. JELSA
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires December 31, 2001

**ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION, PRIORITY RIGHTS
AND RIGHTS TO APPLY FOR PATENTS**

The undersigned, ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., a Delaware Corporation, having a place of business at 3600 West Lake Avenue, Glenview, Illinois 60025 (hereinafter the "Assignor");

HEREBY STATES UNDER OATH, through its duly authorized officer, that it has previously acquired all right, title, and interest in and to the following inventions:

<u>U.S. Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
5,482,734	January 9, 1996	Herwig et al.
5,528,010	June 18, 1996	Herwig et al.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of One (\$1.00) Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged;

ASSIGNOR DOES HEREBY ASSIGN AND TRANSFER its absolute right, title, and interest in said inventions and Letters Patents, including the right to sue for past infringements and all rights of priority under the International Convention unto PRAXAIR SURFACE TECHNOLOGIES, INC., a Delaware Corporation, having an office at 1500 Polco Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46224, United States of America, its successors, assigns, and nominees (hereinafter the "Assignee"), effective December 2, 1996, without any restrictions, reservations, or limitations, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the aforesaid Letters Patents and all patents which may be granted therefor and all divisionals, continuations, continuations-in-part, reissues, and extensions thereof.

AND AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents resulting from said Letters Patents and any divisions, continuations, continuations in part, reissues and extensions thereof to Assignee, and covenant that Assignor has full right to do so, and agrees that Assignor will communicate to Assignee or its representatives any facts known to Assignor respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

SIGNED and SEALED at Glenview, Illinois, U.S.A. this 24 day of JUNE, 1999.

ASSIGNOR:

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

By: [Signature]
Name: THOMAS BURROUGHS
Title: V.P. PATENTS & TECHNOLOGY

State of Illinois

County of Cook

This 24 day of June, 1999, before me personally came the above-named THOMAS BURROUGHS, to me personally known as the Secretary of the above-named corporation and acknowledged that he, being authorized to do so, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, by signing the name of the corporation by himself as such officer.

(SEAL)



[Signature]
Notary Public