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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Mitchel J. KEIL hereinafter called "ASSIGNOR", residing at 22701 Bluebird Ave. Mattawan, MI 49071

have invented certain new and useful improvements in MULTI-CHANNEL FIBER-OPTIC ROTARY JOINT for which an application for United States Letters Patent was signed by me on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Western Michigan University hereinafter called "ASSIGNEE", a corporation of the State of Michigan having a place of business at 2070 Administration Building Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5162 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 in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$ 10.00) to me in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other valuable considerations, I, the said ASSIGNOR have sold, assigned and transferred, and 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 and extensions thereof.

I hereby authorize and request the Patent Office Officials in the United States and any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said ASSIGNEE as the assignee of my entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns.

FURTHER, I agree that I will communicate to said ASSIGNEE or its representatives any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitution, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said ASSIGNEE, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of December, 19 99.

Mitchel J. Keil Mitchel J. KEIL

Signed in the presence of David G. Boutell STATE OF Michigan COUNTY OF Kalamazoo

) ss.)

On this 16th day of December, 19 99 personally appeared before me the above-named Mitchel J. KEIL

, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

Ann M. Davis Notary Public Ann M. Davis

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7/28/03 My Commission expires