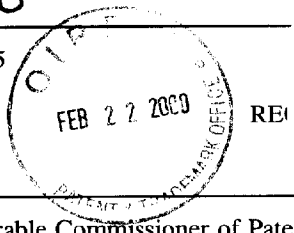


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- 6) Roger SUTER; and 7) Hugo WETTER

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ASSIGNMENT (JOINT)

THIS ASSIGNMENT, by Urs Benz, Armin Heger, Marcel König,
Axel Kranzmann, Andreas Pfeiffer, Roger Suter and
Hugo Wetter, residing at Märtenweg 7, 5073 Gipf-Oberfrick, CH,
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Zürich, CH and
Suhrhardweg 8, 5033 Buchs, CH (hereinafter
referred to as "the Assignors"), respectively, witnesseth:

WHEREAS, the Assignors have invented certain new and useful improvements in _____
Ceramic Lining,

[] which is a provisional application to be filed herewith; [x] which is a non-provisional application
having an oath or declaration executed on even date herewith prior to filing of application; [x]
bearing Application No. 09/442,480, and filed on 1999-11-18; and

WHEREAS, Asea Brown Boveri AG, a corporation duly
organized under and pursuant to the laws of Switzerland and having its
principal place of business at Haselstrasse 16, 5401 Baden, Switzerland
_____ (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignee"), is
desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said inventions, the right to file
applications on said inventions and the entire right, title and interest in and to any applications,
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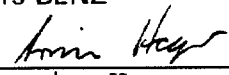
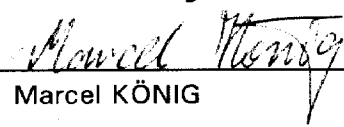
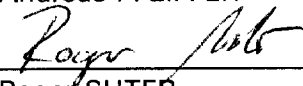
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