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(Accompanying Application)

WHEREAS I, **Eryn Smith**; has invented certain new and useful improvements in a ***METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REPAIRING AN ALTERNATING PHASE SHIFT MASK***, and has executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States disclosing and identifying the invention; and

Whereas, **Metron Technology**, a corporation of the **Netherlands**, having a place of business at **770 Lucerne Drive, Sunnyvale CA 94086-3844**, (hereinafter referred to as assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention, said application and the Letters Patent to be obtained therefore;


Now, therefore, for and in consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, to us in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, we have sold assigned, and set over and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, and set over unto the said **Metron Technology** and said assignee's legal representatives, successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention, said application, and the Letters Patent, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue thereon; and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to the above-mentioned assignee agreeably with the terms of this assignment.

We hereby authorize the above-mentioned assignee or its legal representative to insert in this instrument the filing date and serial number of our said application or any other information that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

Upon said consideration, we convey to said assignee the right to make application in its own behalf for protection of said invention in countries foreign to the United States and where expedient to claim under the International Convention or other international arrangement for any such application the date of the said United States application (or other application if any there be) in priority to other applications; and we do hereby covenant and agree with the said assignee that we will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that we will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the said assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as said assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional renewal, reissued or extended Letters Patent of the United States or of any and all foreign countries on said invention, and in enforcing any rights or chose in action accruing as a result of such application or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents, and by executing preliminary statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of the assigns and legal representatives of both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Inventor has executed and delivered this instrument to said Assignee this:

Date: 2-28-2000

By: 
Eryn Smith

County of _____,)
) ss.
State of California .)

On this ___ day of _____, in the year ____, before me, _____, Notary Public of the State of California, personally appeared Eryn Smith, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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