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In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assigns to Vishay Sprague, Inc., a corporation, having an address of 678 Main Street, Sanford, Maine 04073, its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, **Serial No. 09/514,221**, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on the **25th day of February, 2000**, entitled **"METHOD FOR DOPING SINTERED TANTALUM AND NIOBIUM PELLETS WITH NITROGEN,"** and in said application and any and all other applications for United States Letters Patent, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent, applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said Vishay Sprague, Inc.

For said considerations the undersigned hereby agrees, upon the request, and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional continuation and

substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and for the said considerations the undersigned further agrees upon the request of said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned herein becoming involved in interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said assignee, its successors or assigns in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof, the undersigned hereby agreeing to perform, upon request, any and all affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent of the United States and vest all rights therein hereby conveying in the said assignee, its successors and assigns whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by the said assignee, its successors and assigns to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment and sale had not been made.

And for said considerations the undersigned hereby assigns to said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements for any and all foreign countries and agrees upon the request of assignee, its successors and assigns to execute any and all documents that

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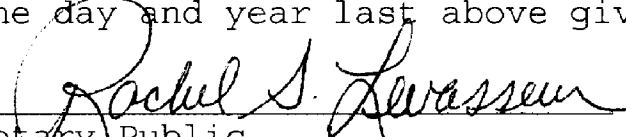
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On this 7th day of April, 2000, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared **Yuri L. Pozdeev-Freeman**, to me personally known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he/she executed said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above given.


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