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In consideration of 10 Belgium Francs and other good and valuable considerations in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assign to:

**Interuniversitair Microelektronica Centrum (IMEC),
Kapeldreef 75, 3001 Leuven, Belgium, a corporation in the country of Belgium**

**Texas Instruments, Inc., Dallas Texas 74265, USA
a corporation in the United States of America**

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, entitled:

**Chemical Solution and Method for Reducing the Metal Contamination
on the Surface of a Semiconductor Substrate**

and identified as:

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in the offices of McDONNELL BOEHNEN HULBERT & BERGHOFF and in said application and any and all other applications, both United States and foreign, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries, which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension of such patents, and further assigns to said assignee the priority right provided by the International Convention.

The undersigned hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said assignee.

The undersigned hereby authorize and request the attorneys of record in said application to insert in this assignment the filing date and serial number of said application when officially known, and the date of execution of the application.

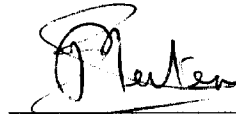
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For said considerations the undersigned hereby agree, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional, continuation and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath, affidavit or declaration relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application and any and all applications and other documents for Letters Patent in foreign countries on said invention or improvements, that said assignee, its successors or assigns may deem necessary or expedient, and for the said considerations the undersigned authorize said assignee to apply for patents for said invention or improvements in its own name in such countries where such procedure is proper and further agree, upon the request of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to cooperate to

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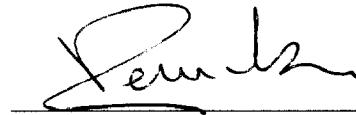
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