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ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the undersigned Steven R. Walther hereby

Sell, assign and transfer to Varian Semiconductor Equipment Associates, Inc., a Delaware corporation having a place of business at 35 Dory Road, Gloucester, MA 01930, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, all hereinafter referred to as the Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all inventions which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent executed of even date herewith and entitled **WAFER CLAMPING APPARATUS AND METHOD**, and in and to said application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for Letters Patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of said inventions; and in and to all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on said inventions including the right to apply for patent rights in each foreign country and all rights to priority.

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Dated: 8/25/00

Steven R. Walther
Steven R. Walther

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of August, 2000.

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Notary Public

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