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WHEREAS, we, HUA-SHUANG KONG, a U.S. citizen, residing at Raleigh, North Carolina; JOHN ADAM EDMOND, a U.S. citizen, residing at Cary, North Carolina; KEVIN WARD HABERERN, a U.S. citizen, residing at Cary, North Carolina; and DAVID TODD EMERSON, a U.S. citizen, residing at Durham, North Carolina (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNORS"), have invented certain new and useful improvements in SINGLE STEP PENDEO- AND LATERAL EPITAXIAL OVERGROWTH OF GROUP III-NITRIDE EPITAXIAL LAYERS WITH GROUP III-NITRIDE BUFFER LAYER AND RESULTING STRUCTURES, for which a provisional application for a United States patent was filed on October 14, 1999, under Serial No. 60/159,299; and

WHEREAS, CREE, INC., a North Carolina corporation (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), having a principal place of business at Durham, County of Durham, State of North Carolina, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention and said application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, including applications filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111(a), and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof that may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by the ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made.

We hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

We further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, we possess full title to said invention and said application, and that we have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

We further covenant and agree to bind our heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, promptly to communicate to the ASSIGNEE or its representatives any facts known to us relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said

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invention, to execute any additional papers that may be requested to confirm the right of the ASSIGNEE, its representatives, successors or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for said invention in all countries and to vest in the ASSIGNEE complete title to said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of the ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives.

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Before me personally appeared said HUA-SHUANG KONG, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed this 3rd day of October , 2000.

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