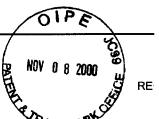
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WHEREAS, I, Hans-Jörg GOOP, a citizen of Germany, residing at Schlossweg 162, 9488 Schellenberg, Liechtenstein, am the inventor of an invention in PRESSING TOOL AND PRESSING PROCESS FOR EXTRUDING PRESS FITTINGS for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States, serial number 09/559,918, filed April 28, 2000, identified as Attorney Docket No. 2235-128; and

WHEREAS, NOVARTEC @ AG, incorporated in the state of Liechtenstein, with a place of business at Gewerbestrasse 7, FL-9496 Balzers, Liechtenstein is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Hans-Jörg GOOP have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said NOVARTEC @ AG, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof and all rights of priority in any such country or countries based upon the filing of the said application for Letters Patent of the United States which are created by any law, treaty or international convention; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said invention to the said NOVARTEC @ AG, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

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