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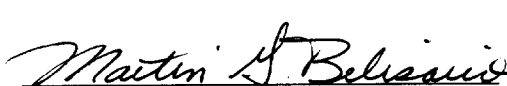

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WHEREAS, we, Thomas D. Bloomfield and Michael Welzel, respectively citizens of Germany, with respective post office addresses of Am Gutshof 12, 21398 Neetze, Germany and Mühlenstr. 15, 22869 Schenefeld, Germany hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNORS," have invented a certain new and useful

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for which we have executed a United States patent application, Application No. 09/645,894 , filed August 25 , 2000, and

ASSIGNORS authorize ASSIGNEE or ASSIGNEE's representative to insert the Application Number and Filing date of this application if they are unknown at the time of execution of this Assignment.

WHEREAS, Meyer Rohr + Schacht GmbH, a German corporation having a place of business at Otto-Brenner-Str. 5, 21337 Lüneburg, Germany hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNEE", is desirous of acquiring said invention and said patent application.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable executed consideration, the full receipt and sufficiency of all of which are hereby acknowledged and intending to be legally bound hereby, we, the undersigned ASSIGNORS, hereby agree to sell, assign, transfer and convey and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the above-named ASSIGNEE, the whole and entire right, title and interest

in and to said invention as described in the above patent application, for the territory of the United States and its possessions and territories and all foreign countries;

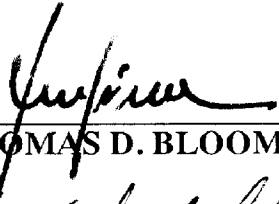
in and to the above patent application and any and all related United States and foreign patent applications disclosing said invention, including provisionals, non-provisionals, divisions and continuations thereof, along with all rights of priority created by said patent application under any treaty relating thereto; and

in and to all United States and foreign patents which may be granted on any and all of said patent applications, including extensions, reissues and reexamination certificates thereof;

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August 29, 2000

(Date)

 (Seal)
THOMAS D. BLOOMFIELD

August 29, 2000

(Date)

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MICHAEL WELZEL