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**ASSIGNMENT**

FOR valuable and legally sufficient considerations, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, **Peter Schwarz**, a citizen of Germany, and a resident of Achenseeweg 6, Geretsried, Germany 82538, and **Uwe Sperling**, a citizen of Germany, and a resident of Priesnitzweg 27, Geretsried, Germany 82538, having co-invented certain new and useful improvements in

**DEVICE AND METHOD FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE QUALITY OF SURFACES**

hereby assign to **BYK-Gardner GmbH** a German corporation having its principal office at **Lausitzer Strasse 8, Geretsried, Germany, 82538** (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest in and to such invention, together with the patent rights and rights of protection to the same throughout the world, including any patent rights which may result from the application for United States Letters Patent which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on **June 30, 2000**, and assigned U.S. Application Serial No. **09/607,827**, and any continuation, divisions, continuation-in-part applications, inventor's certificates and extensions thereof, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; said invention, application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee for its own use and behoof and for the use and behoof of its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent or other rights of protection may be granted as entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had the assignment not been made.

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