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"METHOD OF PRODUCING SUPERPLASTIC ALLOYS AND SUPERPLASTIC ALLOYS PRODUCED BY THE METHOD"

described in U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 09/332,736, and International Application No. PCT/US99/13396, both of which filed June 14, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Lillianne Troeger, residing at 6108 Myrtle Park, Norfolk, Virginia, 23508, and Edgar Starke, residing at 2098 Garth Road, Charlottesville, Virginia, 22901 (the "Assignees") are desirous of acquiring Assignor's entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention, including any tangible materials embodied in or encompassed by the invention and any trade secrets pertaining to the invention, (the "Invention") and in and to said applications for Letters Patent thereon in the United States, its territories and possessions ("United States") and all foreign countries, including rights to claim priority, to any provisional applications, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States or any foreign country which may be granted therefor, (the "Rights");

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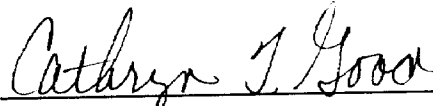
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