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ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION FOR PATENT

WHEREAS, the inventor identified below; (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), has invented a certain invention entitled: Particle-Optic Illuminating and Imaging System with a Condenser-Objective Single Field Lens, for which application for Letters Patent of the United States (1) was executed on _____, or (2) was filed September 22, 2000, and received US Serial number 09/668,497, and

WHEREAS, LEO Elektronenmikroskopie GmbH, having its principal office at D-73446 Oberkochen, Germany, (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE) is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in the United States in, to and under said invention, said application and the United States Letters Patent to be obtained therefor,


NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Be it known that in consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns, and transfers and confirms the sale, assignment and transfer to ASSIGNEE of the full and exclusive right, title and interest in the United States to said invention, said application, and all Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained on said application, and any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and seal on the date set forth below.

 Oct/24/2000
Gerd BENNER Date

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