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for which they are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States of America:

**AND WHEREAS, Pfeiffer Vacuum GmbH**

of Emmeliusstrasse 33, D-35614 Asslar, Germany is desirous of acquiring an interest therein and in the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor from the United States:

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it known by all whom it may concern, that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration to us in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we have assigned, sold and set over and by these presents do assign, sell and set over unto the said

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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 are granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February.

Armin Conrad  
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Armin Conrad  
Heinrich Lotz  
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