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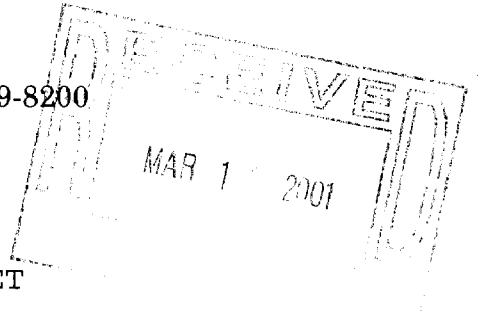
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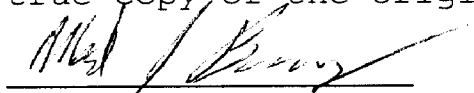
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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, we, Carl W. Sims, Yuri Gerner and Kurt P. Hamberg, citizens of the United States of America, residing at 1136 Colette Place, St. Paul, Minnesota 55116; 2086 Timmy Street, Mendota Heights, Minnesota 55120; and 7641 Alden Way Northeast, Fridley, Minnesota 55432, respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in "VACUUM DEGASSING", for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States, the said application having been executed by Carl W. Sims on 12-7-00; by Yuri Gerner on 12-7-00; and by Kurt P. Hamberg on 12-7-00 and constituting a Continuation-in-Part application based on an application filed August 20, 1999, Serial No. 09/378,592, and entitled "VACUUM DEGASSING"; and

WHEREAS, Systec, Inc., a corporation of the State of Minnesota, having a place of business at 213 Old Highway 8, New Brighton, Minnesota 55112, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

Now, Therefore, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, we, the said Carl W. Sims, Yuri Gerner and Kurt P. Hamberg have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Systec, Inc. the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof.

We hereby authorize and request the Patent Office officials in the United States and any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said Systec, Inc. as the assignee of our entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of said Systec, Inc., its successors and assigns.

Further, we agree that we will communicate to said Systec, Inc., or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful

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