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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

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WHEREAS, David G. Halley, of 2780 Covey Lane, Los Osos, CA 93402; hereinafter referred to as "Assignor," is the inventor of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: In Situ Feature Height Measurement During CMP

Date(s) of execution of Declaration:

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Application No.: 09/699,290; and

WHEREAS, STRASBAUGH, located at 825 Buckley Road, San Luis Obispo, CA, 93401, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

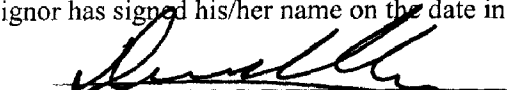
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Assignor hereby authorizes and requests Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, Two Embarcadero Center, 8th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111-3834, to insert herein above the application number and filing date of said application when known.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has signed his/her name on the date indicated.

Dated: 2/6/01


David G. Halley