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WHEREAS, Nicholson Manufacturing Company, (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), a corporation of the State of Washington having a place of business at 3670 East Marginal Way South, Seattle, Washington 98134, is the owner of an invention entitled "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING A STIR WELDED JOINT AT MEETING CYLINDRICAL EDGES," as described and claimed in the specification for which an application for United States letters patent was filed on June 30, 1999, and assigned Application No. 09/345,587; and

WHEREAS, MCE Technologies Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the State of Washington having a place of business at 3670 East Marginal Way South, Seattle, Washington 98134, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the 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 exchange for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said invention in the United States of America and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries, and in any and all divisions, reissues and continuations thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States application to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said invention, application and all letters patent on said invention to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE and its successors and assigns for their use and benefit and of their successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR had this assignment, transfer and sale not been made. ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all letters patent on said invention to ASSIGNEE. ASSIGNOR agrees to execute all instruments and documents required for the making and prosecution of applications for United States and foreign letters

patent on said invention, for litigation regarding said letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said invention or letters patent therefor.

Nicholson Manufacturing Company

3-19-2001

Date

Scott Howell

Scott Howell, CEO

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County of Kits)

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I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Scott Howell is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated 3/19/01

Signature of Notary Public *Karen Forsell Stewart*

Printed Name KAREN FORSELL-STEWART

My appointment expires 07/26/01



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