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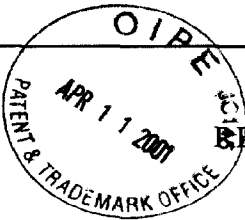


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WHEREAS, WE Martin Theriault, Kristen Boyce and Stephane Rabia, respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MAINTAINING A DRY ATMOSPHERE TO PREVENT MOISTURE ABSORPTION AND ALLOW DEMOISTURIZATION O ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS, for which an application for Letters Patent Serial No. 09/699,001, was filed October 26, 2000; and

WHEREAS, L'AIR LIQUIDE, SOCIETE ANONYME POUR L'ETUDE ET, L'EXPLOITATION DES PROCEDES GEORGES CLAUDE (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), having a place of business at: 75 quai d'Orsay, 75321 PARIS Cedex 07, FRANCE, desires to acquire from Martin Theriault, Kristen Boyce and Stephane Rabia entire right, title and interest they have in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted thereof in any and all countries foreign to the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, WE, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, all of our rights to said invention in all foreign countries and our entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, substitutions and renewals thereof.


WE hereby authorize and request the Patent Office in any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said ASSIGNEE as the assignee of our entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the use and behoof of said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this Assignment and sale not been made.

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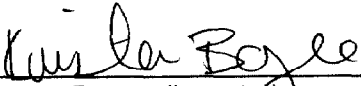
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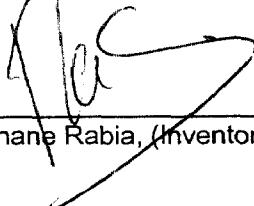
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