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Whereas we, 1) Peter MITTAG

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have invented certain improvements in

PROCESS FOR MELTING SPONGE IRON AND ELECTRIC-ARC FURNACE FOR CARRYING OUT THE PROCESS

for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and whereas the firm Voest-Alpine Industrieanlagenbau GmbH & Co, a company organized under the laws of Austria of 44, Turmstrasse, A-4020 Linz, Austria, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of ten dollars, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer unto said firm Voest-Alpine Industrieanlagenbau GmbH & Co the full and exclusive right to the said invention, as described in the specification executed of even date by me, Peter MITTAG, by me, Harald BERGER, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; and we hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said firm Voest-Alpine Industrieanlagenbau GmbH & Co as the Assignee, for their interest, for the sole use and behoof of said firm Voest-Alpine Industrieanlagenbau GmbH & Co and their legal representatives.

We authorize and empower the said assignee, their successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees, to invoke and claim for any application for patent or other form of protection for said invention filed by them, the benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth

PATENT REEL: 011839 FRAME: 0771 be substituted for it, and to invoke and claim such right of priority without further written or oral authorization from us.

Signed at Linz

this 7th day of May, 2001.

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