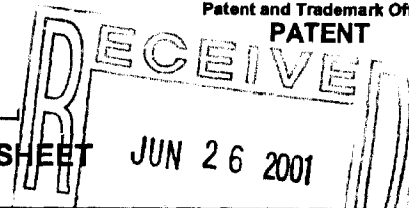


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AND WHEREAS, RIETER INGOLSTADT SPINNEREIMASCHINENBAU AG, having its principal office and place of business at FRIEDRICH-EBERT-STRAÙE 84, D-85046 INGOLSTADT, GERMANY, (hereinafter ASSIGNEE) is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said ASSIGNOR, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right, title and interest to the said invention and in and to said application and all patents which may be granted therefor, and all divisionals, reissues, continuations, continuations-in-part, and extensions thereof, in the United States and all foreign countries, together with the right of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States of America adheres, and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the said ASSIGNEE, for its interest as ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

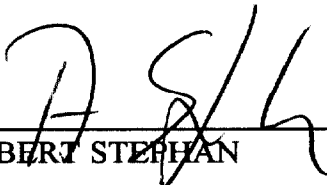
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And I hereby agree to transfer a like interest, upon the request of said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, and without further remuneration, in and to any improvements, and applications for patent based thereon, growing out of or related to the said invention; and to execute any papers by the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal

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