

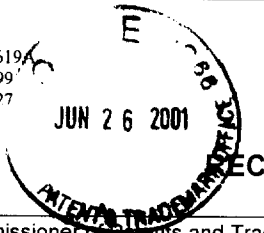
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WHEREAS, Amherst FiberOptics, Inc., (“ASSIGNOR”), a Delaware corporation having an address at 750 Old Hickory Blvd., Brentwood, TN 37027, owns, all, right, title, and interest in and to certain new and useful improvements in various inventions described in various United States patents and patent applications as listed in Appendix A; and

WHEREAS, Amherst Holding Co., (“ASSIGNEE”), a Delaware corporation having an address at 300 Delaware Avenue, Suite 553, Wilmington, Delaware 19081, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the inventions, in and to the applications, and in an to any Letters Patents of the United States or any foreign country which may be granted therefore;

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 inventions, said applications, said patents, and any and all letters patent which may be granted for said inventions 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, and continuation-in-part thereof, including the right to file foreign applications directly in the name of ASSIGNEE and to claim priority rights deriving from said United States applications to which said foreign applications are entitled by virtue of international convention, treaty or otherwise, said inventions, applications and all letters patent on said inventions 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 or any other proper officer or agency of any country to issue all letters patent on said inventions 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 inventions, for litigation regarding said letters patent, or for the purpose of protecting title to said inventions or letter patents therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Amherst FiberOptics, Inc., acting under due and proper authority, has caused this Agreement to be executed.

AMHERST FIBEROPTICS, INC.

Signature: Barbara S. Persun

Name: Barbara S. Persun

Title: VP of Trees

Date: 3/20/01

Appendix A

Pending Application

Reference Title	Attorney Docket no.	Application Title	App Ser. #	Filing Date
Disposable Recoat Sleeve (Hot Sleeve)	84491	Disposable Optical Fiber Splice Sleeve and Method for Applying Same	09/548,722	4/13/00

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