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Whereas, NEXANS, Direction Technique, 16, rue de Monceau, 75008 Paris, FRANCE (assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

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I/We hereby authorize and request our attorneys SUGHRUE, MION, ZINN, MACPEAK & SEAS, PLLC of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037-3213 to insert here in parentheses (Application number 09/835,385 and Confirmation number 5144 , filed April 17, 2001) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

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s/Justin THOMPSON

Date: x 7/17/01 x   
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