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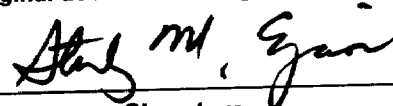
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- (a) executed on even date preparatory to filing (each inventor should sign this Assignment on the same day as he/she signs the Declaration and Power of Attorney);
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WHEREAS, **SCHMALBACH-LUBECA AG**, a corporation organized under the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany, Postfach 101257. 40832 Ratingen, Germany, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignor by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee and its successors in interest, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in the United States of America and all foreign countries, including the right to claim priority under the laws of the United States, the Paris Convention, and any foreign countries, to the said invention as described in the aforesaid application, said application for patent and all Letters Patent therefor to be held and enjoyed by Assignee to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted and any extensions thereof as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made, and the right to recover for past infringements of, or liabilities for, any of the rights relating to any of said applications or patents resulting therefrom;

Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to execute all instruments or documents required or requested for the making and prosecution of any applications of any type for patent in the United States and in all foreign countries including, but not limited to, any provisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, renewal or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any reissue, re-examination, or extension thereof, and for litigation regarding, or for the purpose of protecting title and to the said invention, the United States application for patent, or Letters Patent therefor, and to testify in support thereof, for the benefit of Assignee without further or other compensation than that above set forth;

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Assignor hereby authorizes and requests my attorney to insert here in parentheses (Application No. _____, filed _____) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

ASSIGNMENT

Kerry W. Silvers
First Inventor: Kerry W. Silvers

On this 11th day of SEPTEMBER, 2001, before me personally appeared the foregoing individual, who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free will for the purposed therein set forth.

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Notary Public,

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LENAWEE County, State of MICHIGAN

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Richard J. Steih
Second Inventor: Richard J. Steih

On this 7th day of SEPTEMBER, 2001, before me personally appeared the foregoing individual, who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free will for the purposed therein set forth.

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