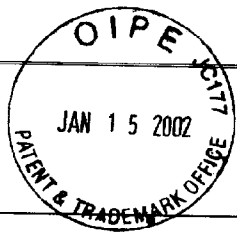


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WHEREAS, Methode Mexico USA, Inc., a Delaware corporation, having a principal place of business at 7401 West Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60706 hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR, is the owner by assignment of the pending and issued U.S. patent properties identified on Appendix A hereto (hereinafter referred to as the PATENTS).

WHEREAS, Methode Electronics, Inc., a Delaware corporation, having a principal place of business at 7401 West Wilson Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60706, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the same in the United States;

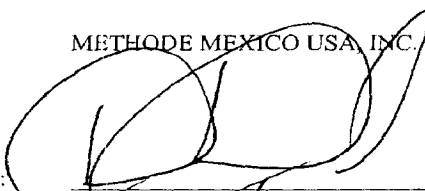
NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR, by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title, and interest in and to said PATENTS throughout the United States of America, including any and all reissue(s) of said PATENTS.

ALSO, ASSIGNOR hereby agrees to execute any documents that legally may be required in connection with the maintenance of PATENT, including additional documents that may be required to affirm the rights of ASSIGNEE in and to said PATENTS, all without further consideration. ASSIGNOR also agrees, without further consideration and at ASSIGNEE'S expense, to identify and communicate to ASSIGNEE at ASSIGNEE'S request documents and information concerning the PATENTS that are within ASSIGNOR'S possession or control, and to provide further assurances and testimony on behalf of ASSIGNEE that lawfully may be required of ASSIGNOR in respect of the prosecution, maintenance and defense of any patent application or patent encompassed within the terms of this instrument. ASSIGNOR'S obligations under this instrument shall extend to ASSIGNOR'S heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns and other legal representatives.

ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to grant all rights in these PATENTS to above to ASSIGNEE, as the ASSIGNEE of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for ASSIGNEE'S sole use and behoof; and for the use and behoof of ASSIGNEE'S legal representatives and successors, to the full end of the term of such United States Letters Patents, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by ASSIGNOR had this assignment and sale not been made.

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APPENDIX A

<u>Attorney Docket No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Application/Patent Number</u>
115716-00101	Sensor Pad for Controlling Airbag Deployment	Des. Patent No. 409,935 issued 05/18/1999
115716-00103	Sensor Pad for Controlling Airbag Deployment and Associated Support	Pat. No. 5,975,568 issued 11/02/1999
115716-00108	Sensor Pad for Controlling Airbag Deployment and Associated Support	Serial No. 09/988,206 filed 11/19/2001
115716-00109	Roll-Over Air Bag	Pat. No. 6,133,141 issued 09/05/2000
115716-00113	Roll-Over Air Bag Having a Reinforced Perimeter Seal and Associated Method for Producing a Flat Reinforced Seal in a Roll-Over Air Bag	Serial No. 09/405,339 filed 09/24/1999