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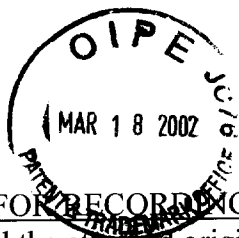
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REQUEST FOR RECORDING AND COVER SHEET UNDER 37 C.F.R. 3.28 AND 3.31

Please record the attached original document(s) or copy(ies) thereof.

1. Name of party conveying the interest: 3-18-02
Groz-Beckert KG
2. Name and address of party receiving the interest:
SHIMA SEIKI MFG., LTD.
85 Sakata Wakayama-shi
Wakayama 641-8511, Japan
3. Description of the interest conveyed or transaction to be recorded:
[X] Assignment [] Other:
4. Application Number:
Patent Number: 6,233,977)
Registration Number:
[] Document filed together with a patent application executed on _____
5. Address correspondence concerning this request to: VENABLE, BAETJER, HOWARD & CIVILETTI, LLP, P.O. Box 34385, Washington, D.C. 20043-9998.
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Patents: 1 patent rights @ \$40 Total: \$40.00
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[] per attached designation [] other:
9. To the best of knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.
10. Date: March 18, 2002

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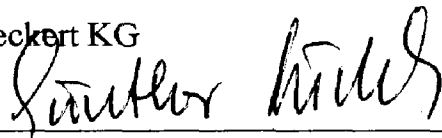
WHEREAS Groz-Beckert KG, Germany, hereinafter referred to as the assignor, owns the entire right, title and interest in and to United States Patent No. 6,233,977, issued May 22, 2001 and entitled COMPOUND NEEDLE HAVING A DIVIDED CLOSING ELEMENT;

AND WHEREAS SHIMA SEIKI MFG., LTD. 85 Sakata Wakayama-shi, Wakayama 641-8511, Japan hereinafter referred to as the assignee, is desirous of acquiring an undivided one-half interest in and to said patent, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof;

NOW THIS WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration paid by said assignee to said assignor, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said assignor hereby assigns, sells and transfers to said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, an undivided one-half interest in and to said patent, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, whereby said assignor and said assignee have joint ownership of the entire right, title and interest in and to said patent; said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, to have, hold, exercise and enjoy said patent, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges and advantages in anywise arising from or appertaining thereto, for and during the term of such patent, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, for the use and benefit of said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, in as ample and beneficial a manner as the said assignor might or could have held and enjoyed the same, if this assignment had not been made.

EXECUTED, this 19th day of February, 2002

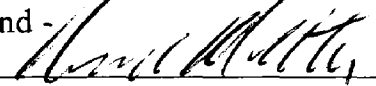
Groz-Beckert KG

By: 

Name: Günther Büchle

Official position: Executive Vice President

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Name: Manfred Kettenbach

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