ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Agilent Technologies Deutschland GmbH (a German Inc. having its principal place of business in Boeblingen, Federal Republic of Germany) has made an unlimited claim under Section 6 of the German Employee Invention Act to the invention entitled:

VARIABLE OPTICAL ATTENUATOR WITH POLARIZATION COMPENSATION

devised by:

Ruediger Maestle

(inventor(s) names)

NOW, THEREFORE in accordance with an Agreement between Agilent Technologies Deutschland GmbH and Agilent Technologies Inc. (a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business in Palo Alto, California), Agilent Technologies Deutschland GmbH hereby perfects the assignment to Agilent Technologies Inc., its successors and assigns, of (a) the right to file and prosecute application(s) for Letters Patent or utility model(s) for the above identified invention in each country worldwide, including, in particular, the Letters Patent for United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/047,133 filed on January 15, 2002 entitled:

VARIABLE OPTICAL ATTENUATOR WITH POLARIZATION COMPENSATION

and executed by the below named inventor(s) on the indicated dates

executed by Ruediger Maestle on February 28, 2002

and (b) the right to claim any and all priority rights, especially from the first-filed patent or utility model applications, relative to the above-identified invention, as well as (c) the right to obtain Letters Patent(s) or utility model(s) in each country and the right, title and interest in such Letters Patent as consistent with the Agreement between Agilent Technologies Deutschland GmbH and Agilent Technologies Inc..

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Assignment is executed by a duly authorized representative of Agilent Technologies Deutschland GmbH.

By:

Title: Senior IP Attor

RECORDED: 03/26/2002

Date: March 1, 2002

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