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ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION FOR PATENT

WHEREAS

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(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS ASSIGNOR), have
invented and own a certain invention
entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION:

**Self-Oscillating Electronic Discharge Lamp
Ballast With Dimming Control**

for which application for Letters Patent of
the United States was filed on December 14,
2001 and assigned Ser. No. 10/014,800.

WHEREAS

FULL NAME AND ADDRESS
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(hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), is
desirous of acquiring the entire interest
in, to and under said invention and the
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therefor:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/We have hereunto set hand and seal this 12 day of March, 2002.



Fengeng Tao



Fred C. Lee