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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, **Richard William Ridgway**, of Westerville, Ohio; **David William Nippa**, of Dublin, Ohio; **Richard Davis**, of Columbus, Ohio; and **Van Earl Wood**, of Delaware, Ohio, invented certain new and useful ELECTRODE AND CORE ARRANGEMENTS FOR POLARIZATION-INDEPENDENT WAVEGUIDES for which we executed an application for a United States Patent and for which said application for United States Patent was filed on March 15, 2002, under

□ Patent Application Serial No. 10/098,731

□ Attorney Docket No. OPT 0001 PA;

WHEREAS, we hereby authorize and request the attorney(s) and/or agent(s) empowered to act on our behalf in the aforementioned application, to insert above the filing date and application number of said application, when known;

AND WHEREAS, **Optimer Photonics**, a corporation of the State of Delaware, with a place of business at 505 King Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201-2693, hereinafter called the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the inventions therein disclosed and any letters patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and any divisions or continuations thereof, and the inventions therein disclosed, and any improvements thereon, and any patent or patents that may be issued or reissued thereon, and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent thereon, and reissues thereof, to said Assignee, its successors and assigns; and we hereby authorize said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to file in its own name applications for patent in foreign countries in connection with the inventions hereby transferred, under the International Convention claiming the priority of said United States application or otherwise, and to secure in its own name the patent or patents issued thereon; and we hereby agree that, upon request, we will sign all papers, and make all rightful oaths, and do all acts which said Assignee, its successors or assigns, may consider necessary in connection with said United States application, and in connection with any other United States or foreign applications that may be filed in connection with said inventions, and with any improvements thereon, and in connection with any patents issued or reissued thereon.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of April, 2002.

Richard William Ridgway  
Richard William Ridgway

State of Ohio )  
 ) ss  
County of Franklin )

On this 3rd day of April, 2002 before me a Notary Public in and for the above County and State, personally appeared the above named **Richard William Ridgway** personally known to me, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing assignment as a free act and deed for the purpose herein set forth.



**BRENDA BLOCK KOONE**  
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF OHIO  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 23, 2003

Brenda Block Koone  
Notary Public

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto set my hand and seal this 3rd day of April, 2002.

David William Nippa  
David William Nippa

State of Ohio )  
 ) ss  
County of Franklin )

On this 3rd day of April, 2002 before me a Notary Public in and for the above County and State, personally appeared the above named **David William Nippa** personally known to me, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing assignment as a free act and deed for the purpose herein set forth.

Brenda Block Koone  
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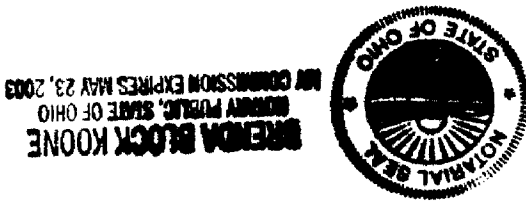
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto set my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2002.

Richard J. Davis  
Richard Davis

State of Ohio )  
County of Franklin ) ss

On this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2002 before me a Notary Public in and for the above County and State, personally appeared the above named **Richard Davis** personally known to me, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing assignment as a free act and deed for the purpose herein set forth.



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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto set my hand and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002.

Van Earl Wood  
Van Earl Wood

State of Ohio )  
County of Franklin ) ss

On this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2002 before me a Notary Public in and for the above County and State, personally appeared the above named **Van Earl Wood** personally known to me, and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing assignment as a free act and deed for the purpose herein set forth.

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