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Name: Welding Services, Inc.

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: 2225 Skyland Ct.

City: Norcross State: GA Zip: 30071

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

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B. Patent No.(s)

6,204,477

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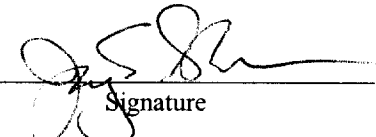
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ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by me, Dr. George Y. Lai, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 2110 Pebble Beach Dr., Carmel, IN 46032

WHEREAS, I am the sole inventor of certain new and useful improvements in a method to eliminate weld solidification cracking and minimize thermal expansion mismatch (the "Invention") for which an application for United States Letters Patent by Application Serial No. 09/002,119 was filed on December 31, 1997 and entitled "Method to Eliminate Weld Solidification Cracking of 312 Stainless Steel Overlay and to Minimize the Overlay's Thermal Expansion Mismatch with Carbon Steel or Low Allow Steel Substance" (the "Application") and for which United States Letters Patent No. 6,204,477 was issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 20, 2001 (the "Patent", a summary of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a certain assignment agreement dated December 4, 1998 (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B), I attempted to assign all of my right, title and interest in and to the Invention and Application to WSI Welding Services, Inc. ("Prior Assignment"); and

WHEREAS, the Prior Assignment is null and void because WSI Welding Services, Inc. is not the legal corporate name of the intended assignee; and

WHEREAS, I desire to reaffirm my intended assignment under the Prior Assignment by assigning all of my right, title and interest in and to the Invention, the Application and the Patent to Welding Services, Inc., a Georgia corporation having a principal place of business at 2225 Skyland Ct., Norcross, Georgia 30071 ("Assignee"); and

WHEREAS, Assignee is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to (a) the Invention as described in the Application and the Patent which shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries and (b) all other trademarks, service marks, trade secrets, rights of attribution, moral rights and any other intellectual property rights related to the Invention, the Application, the Patent and the goodwill associated therewith (the "Other IP"); and

Rights”);

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and convey unto the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the:

(a) the Invention, the Application and the Patent, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions, or non-provisionals claiming priority thereof, and in and to any and all other letters patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said letters patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me if this assignment and sale had not been made; and

(b) said Other IP Rights.

I hereby request that said letters patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

I further covenant and agree to bind my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns promptly to communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to me relating to said Invention, Application or Patent, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said Invention, Application or Patent, to execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the Assignee, its representatives, successors, or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said Invention in all countries and to vest in the Assignee complete title to the said Invention, Application and Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives.

I further covenant and agree to bind my heirs, legal representatives and assigns promptly to take all such other action and to procure or execute, acknowledge, and deliver all such further certificates, conveyance instruments, consents, and other documents as Assignee, its representatives, successors, or assigns may reasonably request to vest in Assignee, and perfect and protect Assignee's right, title, and interest in, and enjoyment of, the Other IP Rights without further compensation, but at the expense of said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives.

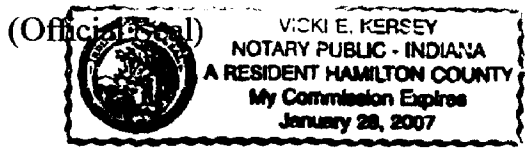
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 8th day of February, 2002.

George Y. Lai
Dr. George Y. Lai

STATE OF Indiana)
COUNTY OF Marion)

I, Vicki E. Kersey, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that DR. GEORGE Y. LAI personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 8th day of February, 2002.



Vicki E. Kersey
Notary Public
A resident of Hamilton County

My commission expires: Jan. 28, 2007