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WHEREAS, new and useful improvements have been made by the undersigned in

**DEVICE FOR HELD CONVEYANCE OF FLAT ARTICLES  
IN A DENSE CONVEYING STREAM**

that are the subject of an application for a U.S. Patent, (Application Number 10/153,402, filed May 22, 2002), which application is further identified as Rankin, Hill, Porter & Clark LLP Docket No. FRR-14049.

WHEREAS, FERAG AG, a corporation of Switzerland, and having a place of business at Zürichstrasse 74, 8340 Hinwil, Switzerland, hereinafter referred to as "assignee", is desirous of acquiring all right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to, and under said improvements and inventions and patent rights therefor.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this assignment has been executed below by the undersigned:

(1) Inventor Name (sole or joint): Erwin Müller

Signature: *Erwin Müller*

Today's Date: *17. Mai 2002*

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