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## **JOINT ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, WE, Natarajan Narasimhan, a citizen of India; Ramakrishnan Ramachandran, a citizen of the United States of America; Satish S. Tamhankar, a citizen of the United States of America; and Weibin Jiang, a citizen of the People's Republic of China

residing, respectively at 36 Forest Glen Drive, Highland Park, New Jersey 08904, USA;

232 Hillside Avenue, Allendale, New Jersey 07401, USA;

2098 Maple View Court, Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076, USA; and 11 Gales Drive, Apt 2, New Providence, New Jersey 07974, USA

have invented certain new and useful improvements in

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for which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, which application may be identified in the United States Patent Office as Serial No. 10/144,489, filing date May 13, 2002; and,

WHEREAS, The BOC Group, Inc., a Delaware Corporation having an office at 575 Mountain Avenue, Murray Hill, New Providence, New Jersey 07974, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said Natarajan Narasimhan, Ramakrishnan Ramachandran, Satish S. Tamhankar, and Weibin Jiang have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said The BOC Group, Inc., its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said The BOC Group, Inc., its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

WE HEREBY covenant that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said The BOC Group, Inc., its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to

PATENT REEL: 013031 FRAME: 0072 us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said **The BOC Group**, **Inc.**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this State of New Jersey County of <u>Union</u> On this 31 day of WAY, 2002, before me, a Notary Public in the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Natarajan Narasimhan, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed. **BETTY JEAN LEE** Betty Jean Lee Notary Public NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY My Commission Expires May 3, 2006 IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 3 day of June, 2002. Ramakrishnan Ramachandran State of New Jersey County of Union On this 3 rd day of JUNE , 2002, before me, a Notary Public in the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Ramakrishnan Ramachandran, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed. Betty Jean Lie **BETTY JEAN LEE** 

NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires May 3, 2006

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this
31 st day of May ,2002.
Jatish S. Tamhankar L.S. Satish S. Tamhankar
State of New Jersey ss.:
County of Union On this 3 day of May , 2002, before me, a Notary Public in the State and
County aforesaid, personally appeared Satish S. Tamhankar, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.
ANNABELLE L. SHORT NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY USA My Commission Expires Jan. 31, 2005  Notary Public
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this  day of
Weibin Jiang L.S.
State of New Jersey
ss.: County of Union
On this 3rd day of JUNE, 2002, before me, a Notary Public in the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Weibin Jiang, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.
BETTY JEAN LEE  NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY  Notary Public  Notary Public

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