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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **LITTON SYSTEMS, INC.**, a corporation created and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, is the owner of an invention for **DIMMABLE BALLAST FOR ELECTRODELESS FLUORESCENT LAMPS** for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on October 8, 2001, and assigned U.S. Serial No. 09/974,126, as evidenced by an assignment recorded on Reel 012431, Frame 0359 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 4, 2002; and

WHEREAS, **NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION**, a Delaware corporation having an address of 1840 Century Park East, Los Angeles, California 90067, is desirous of acquiring all of the right, title and interest in and to said invention, and any and all patent applications which may be filed thereon, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted or issued therefor in the United States and throughout the world, including any and all divisions, continuations, reissues and extensions of any of the foregoing.

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BE IT KNOWN, that for and in consideration of the sum of money to Litton Systems, Inc. in hand paid or to be paid by said Northrop Grumman Corporation, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, said Litton Systems, Inc., by these presents has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to said Northrop Grumman Corporation, all of the Litton Systems' right, title and interest to said invention and in the application for patent, U.S. Serial No. 09/864,598 filed in the United States, its territorial possessions and all foreign countries, and in any and all continuations-in-part, continuations, divisions, substitutes, reissues, extensions thereof, and all other applications for letters patent relating thereto which have been or shall be filed in the United States, its territorial possessions and/or any foreign countries, and all rights, together with all priority rights, under any of the international conventions, unions, agreements, acts, treaties, including all future conventions, unions, agreements, acts, and treaties, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Northrop Grumman Corporation for its own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, to the end of the term or terms for which letters patent are or may be granted or reissued as fully and entirely to the same extent as the same would have been held and enjoyed by said Litton Systems, Inc., if this assignment and sale had not been made; together with all claims for damages or injunctive relief by reason of infringements of such letters patent resulting from said invention, with the

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Northrop Grumman Corporation has caused these presents to be signed by its duly authorized representative, this 20 day of March, 2002.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION

By: Scot Hewitt
Scot Hewitt,
Senior Counsel

State of California)
County of Los Angeles) ss.

On 20th March, 2002, before me Patricia Davis personally appeared Scot Hewitt personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument, the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Patricia Davis
Notary Public

