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WHEREAS, ASSIGNOR: WILLIAM S. HOUSTON

of the City, County and State of: Avon, Lorain, Ohio

has made an invention in SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DETERMINING  
AND EMPLOYING CONSUMABLE USE BY  
ELECTRIC ARC WELDERS

and has executed on August 12, 2002 an application for Letters Patent of the United States on said invention, hereinafter referred to as "said application";

AND, WHEREAS, Lincoln Global, Inc., a Delaware corporation

having its principal place of business at: 1200 Monterey Pass Road  
Monterey Park, California 91754

hereinafter called ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire worldwide rights, title and interest in, to and under said invention and said application;

NOW THEREFORE,

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