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WHEREAS, I/WE, Dr.-Ing. Peter Artzt, a citizen of Germany residing at Hugo Wolf-Strasse 16, D-72766 Reutlingen, Germany; Dr. Mehdi Azarschab, at citizen of Germany, residing at Ligusterweg 6, D-72770 Reutlingen, Germany; and Hans-Paul Schmid, a citizen of Germany, residing at Wegnerstrasse 22, D-73765 Neuhausen, Germany, (hereinafter referenced as ASSIGNORS), have invented a certain new and useful invention entitled PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE TENDENCY OF COTTON TO ADHERE, for which a Letters Patent of the United States No. 6,158,277 was issued on December 12, 2000, by the United States Patent and Trademark Office;

AND WHEREAS, Deutsche Institute für Textil- und Faserforschung, Stuttgart, having its principal office and place of business at D-73370 Denkendorf, Germany, (hereinafter ASSIGNEE) is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said ASSIGNOR, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right, title and interest to the said invention and in and to said application and all patents which may be granted therefor, and all divisionals, reissues, continuations, continuations-in-part, and extensions thereof, in the United States and all foreign countries, together with the right of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States of America adheres, and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the said ASSIGNEE, for its interest as ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

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