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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, the undersigned Siegbert VIAL, a citizen of Germany, residing at Im Heiligen Feld 7, 35029 Burgwald, Germany

WHEREAS, the undersigned Erich GANTZERT, a citizen of Germany, residing at Pestalozzistrasse 54, 64401 Gross-Bieberau, Germany

*Mal Gantzert*  
(hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNORS") is the inventor of certain inventions or improvements for PRODUCTION OF A FRONT SECTION OF A WRITING IMPLEMENT COMPRISING A ONE PIECE PREFORM which they have on the date indicated below next to his signature executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States;

*Mal Gantzert*  
WHEREAS, Merz & Krell GmbH & Co. KGaA, a German corporation, having a mailing address of Bahnhofstrasse 76, 64401 Gross-Bieberau, Germany (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the said inventions or improvements and in and to said application for patent, and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent which may be granted on or as a result thereof in the United States or in any other country;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) in hand paid by said ASSIGNEES, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the said ASSIGNORS, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, to said ASSIGNEES, the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions or improvements and said application and any and all continuations, divisions, and renewals of and substitutes for said application, and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent which may be granted on or as a result thereof in the United States and its possessions and territories and in all other countries, and any reissue or reissues or extension or extensions of said Letters Patent, the same to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEES, its successors, assigns, nominees or legal representatives, to the full end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent respectively may be granted, reissued or extended, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNORS had this assignment, sale and transfer not been made.

AND the undersigned ASSIGNORS hereby covenant he/she has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he/she has not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith, and further covenants and agrees that he/she will each time request is made and without undue delay, execute and deliver all such papers as may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said inventions or improvements, said application and said Letters Patent in said ASSIGNEES, its successors, assigns, nominees, or legal representatives, and agrees to communicate to said ASSIGNEES or to its nominee all known facts respecting said inventions or improvements, said application and said Letters Patent, to testify in any legal proceedings, to sign all lawful papers, to execute all disclaimers and divisional, continuing, and reissue applications, to make all rightful

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AND ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue to said ASSIGNEES, the entire right, title and interest, in and to any and all Letters Patent for said inventions or improvements, including any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued and granted on or as a result of the application aforesaid, in accordance with the terms of this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ASSIGNORS hereunto set his/her hand and seal, intending to be legally bound.

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Date: 10.07.02

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