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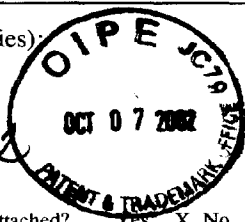


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WHEREAS, we, Siegfried Berg, having a residence at Halderain 10, D-75203 Konigsbach-Stein, Germany; and Thomas Bolch, having a residence at Schillerstrasse 1, D-74232 Abstatt, Germany have invented a

**Verfahren zur Beschichtung passivierter metallischer Oberflachen von Bauteilen sowie derart beschichtetes Bauteil**  
**(Process for the Coating of Passivated Metallic Surfaces of Components and Such Coated Components)**

for which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Forderung der angewandten Forschung e.V, a corporation of the Country of the Germany, having its principal place of business at Leonrodstrasse 54, 80636, Munchen, Germany, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention;

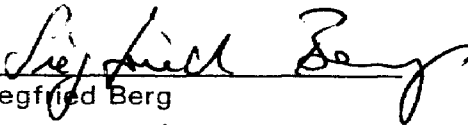
NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we, Siegfried Berg and Thomas Bolch, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said corporation, its successors and assigns, all right, title, and interest in the United States of America in and to said invention as described in the patent application executed by us on the 31 day of July, 2002 (and we hereby authorize our attorneys, authorized to prosecute said application, to here insert the filing date and serial number of said application, as soon as it is known, Serial Number 10/192,307, filed July 10, 2002), and to any improvements on said invention hereto or hereafter made while we are in the employ of said corporation, and any divisions or continuations of said application, and all United States Patents granted upon any such applications or for the inventions described therein, and any reexaminations, reissues or extensions of said Patents; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Patents on said United States applications to said corporation as assignee thereof.

FOR SAID CONSIDERATIONS we hereby covenant and agree that we are the owners of the full title herein assigned and have the right to assign the same, and agree that we will communicate to said corporation or its representatives, any facts known to us respecting said invention or inventions and testify in any legal proceedings relating thereto when called upon, and will sign all instruments and documents and render such assistance which in the judgment of said corporation is necessary to vest in it and protect the legal title sought to be assigned.

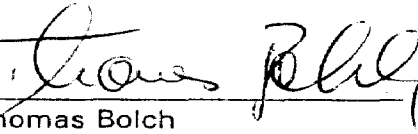
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Siegfried Berg

Signed and sealed this 31 day of July, 2002.

  
Thomas Bolch

Signed and sealed this 31 day of July, 2002.

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