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Title of Invention: APPARATUS FOR FORMING AN EXTENDED NIP

Date(s) of Execution: September 11, 2002

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Application No.: 10/219,447; and

WHEREAS, **Eduard Küsters Maschinenfabrik GmbH & Co. KG**, 1, Eduard-Küsters-Strasse, 47805 Krefeld, GERMANY, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring ASSIGNOR'S interest in the said invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent which may be granted on the same;

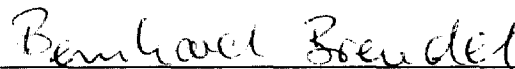
NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignor, Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignee, and Assignee's successors and assigns, all their right, title and interest in and to said invention and application, and in and to any Letters Patent which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and in all other countries in the world, the said interest to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by said Assignor had this Assignment and transfer not been made, to the full end and term of any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

Assignor further agrees that Assignor will, without charge to said Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of said application and/or applications, execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including applications for Letters Patent and for the reissue thereof, and instruments of assignment and transfer thereof, and will perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request, to obtain or maintain Letters Patent for said invention and improvement, and to vest title thereto in said Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, Two Embarcadero Center, 8th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111-3834, to insert herein above the application number and filing date of said application when known.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has signed his/her name on the date indicated.

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