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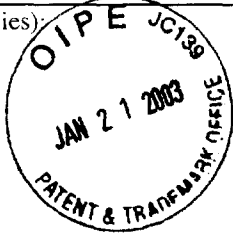
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Whereas, We, Ener VARETTO and Lio PICCOLO, respectively, hereinafter called assignors, have invented certain improvements in

### A DEVICE FOR CONTROLLING THE OSCILLATION OF THE ARM OF A HANDLING EQUIPMENT OF THE SWINGABLE LEVER TYPE

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on November 4, 2002; and

Whereas, VEP AUTOMATION S.R.L

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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

We, the above named assignors, hereby sell, assign and transfer to the above named assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the application and the invention disclosed therein for the United States of America, including the right to claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, and we request the Director - U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to the assignee, its successors and assigns; and we will execute without further consideration all papers deemed necessary by the assignee in connection with the United States application when called upon to do so by the assignee.

We hereby authorize and request our attorneys SUGHRUE MION, PLLC of 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20037-3213 to insert here in parentheses (Application number 10/252,550 and Confirmation number 5645, filed September 24, 2002) the application number and filing date of said application when known.

Date:  November 4, 2002  
s/Ener VARETTO

Date:  November 4, 2002  
s/Lio PICCOLO

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