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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, I, ROBERT E. STEERE, III, a citizen of the United States of America and a resident of Boonton, New Jersey, have invented new and useful improvements in METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR POLISHING THE EDGE OF A BONDED WAFER for which a United States Patent Application was filed on February 21, 2003.

WHEREAS, ACCRETECH USA, INC., a corporation organized under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New Jersey and having an office at Oakland, New Jersey is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in and to the said application and the invention therein described and claimed and any Letters Patent that may be issued upon said application or for the improvements therein contained.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1) and other valuable consideration, I, the said ROBERT E. STEERE, III have sold, assigned and transferred and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said ACCRETECH USA, INC., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said application and the invention therein contained, including the right to apply for any Letters Patent in the United States of America and in all foreign countries on said invention and to claim for such foreign applications the priority date of the United States application under the International Convention of 1883 and later modifications thereof, and any Letters Patent that may be issued thereon or therefor, in the United States and foreign countries, and all reissues, extensions, renewals, divisions and continuations thereof, to the full end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent may be issued, the same to be held and enjoyed by the said ACCRETECH USA, INC., its successors and assigns, the same as

it would have been held and enjoyed by me if this assignment and sale had not been made.

AND I HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all such Letters Patent to the said ACCRETECH USA, INC. in accordance with this instrument of Assignment.

I FURTHER covenant and agree, in consideration of the premises, that I or my executors and administrators, will execute and deliver to the said ACCRETECH USA, INC., its successors and assigns, any further documents or instruments, and do any and all further acts that may be deemed necessary by the said ACCRETECH USA, INC., its successors and assigns, to file applications for the said improvements and invention in any country where it may elect to file such applications, and that may be necessary to vest in the said ACCRETECH USA, INC., its successors and assigns, the title herein conveyed or intended so to be, and to enable such title to be recorded in the United States and foreign countries where such application or applications may be filed.

AND I FURTHER covenant and agree, in consideration of the premises, that I or my executors and administrators, will at any time upon request communicate to the said ACCRETECH USA, INC., its successors and assigns, any facts relating to the said invention and improvements and the history thereof, known to me or to my executors and administrators, and that I will testify as to the same in any interference or other litigation when requested so to do by the said ACCRETECH USA, INC., it being understood that ACCRETECH USA, INC. will compensate me for my expenses reasonably incurred in complying with its requests.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this

10 day of MARCH, 2003.

Robert E. Steere III  
ROBERT E. STEERE, III

STATE OF New Jersey )  
COUNTY OF Bergen ) ss.

On this 10 day of March 2003 before me personally appeared, ROBERT E. STEERE, III to me known and known to me to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he thereupon acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes therein set forth.

Deborah A. Minelli  
Notary Public

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:

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