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**ASSIGNMENT**

**WHEREAS**, we, **Martin KENDALL, Jean-Paul VERHOEVEN** and **Marc TIMMERMANS**, respectively citizens of United Kingdom, Belgium and Belgium, with respective post office addresses of Zavelvennestraat 181, 3500 Hasselt, Belgium, Ringlaan 65/2, 3900 Overpelt, Belgium, and Vossenbergsstraat 69, 3500 Hasselt, Belgium, hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNORS," have invented a certain new and useful

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for which we have executed a United States patent application, Application No. 10/355,712, filed January 31, 2003, and

**ASSIGNORS** authorize ASSIGNEE or ASSIGNEE's representative to insert the Application Number and Filing date of this application if they are unknown at the time of execution of this Assignment.

**WHEREAS, Heraeus Electro-Nite International N.V.**, a Belgian corporation having a place of business at Centrum Zuid 1105, 3530 Houthalen, Belgium, hereinafter generally referred to as "ASSIGNEE", is desirous of acquiring said invention and said patent application.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable executed consideration, the full receipt and sufficiency of all of which are hereby acknowledged and intending to be legally bound hereby, we, the undersigned ASSIGNORS, hereby agree to sell, assign, transfer and convey and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the above-named ASSIGNEE, the whole and entire right, title and interest

in and to said invention as described in the above patent application, for the territory of the United States and its possessions and territories and all foreign countries;

in and to the above patent application and any and all related United States and foreign patent applications disclosing said invention, including provisionals, non-provisionals, divisions and continuations thereof, along with all rights of priority created by said patent application under any treaty relating thereto; and

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said invention, application(s) and patent(s) to be held and enjoyed by the above-named ASSIGNEE, for ASSIGNEE's own use and benefit, and for ASSIGNEE's legal representatives and assigns to the full end of the term or terms for which said patent(s) may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the undersigned ASSIGNORS had this assignment and sale not been made; and for the aforesaid consideration ASSIGNORS hereby covenant, agree and undertake to execute, whenever requested by the above-named ASSIGNEE, all patent applications, assignments, lawful oaths and any other papers which ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or desirable for securing to ASSIGNEE or for maintaining for ASSIGNEE all the patent(s) hereby assigned or agreed to be assigned; all without further compensation to the undersigned ASSIGNORS.

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