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1. Name of conveying party(ies) a) David Chen *6-16-03*

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies): a) Name: Novellus Systems, Inc. Address: 3970 North First Street, San Jose, California 95134

3. Nature of conveyance [X] Assignment [] Merger [] Security Agreement [] Change of Name [] Other [] License Agreement

Execution Date: June 4, 2003

4. Application Number(s) or Patent Number(s): 10/389,164

The title of the (new) application is:

MULTI-STEP DEPOSITION AND ETCH BACK GAP FILL PROCESS

5. Please send all correspondence concerning this (these) documents to:

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$40.00

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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

Whereas I an undersigned inventor have invented certain new and useful improvements as set forth in the patent application entitled:

MULTI-STEP DEPOSTION AND ETCH BACK GAP FILL PROCESS

(Atty. Docket No. NOVLP061/NVLS-000756), (check one)

- for which I have executed a U.S. patent application on even date herewith. (Accompanying)
 which bears U.S. application No. 10/389,164 . (Not accompanying)
 which is a U.S. provisional application. (Accompanying)

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I an undersigned inventor hereby:

- 1) Sell, assign and transfer to **Novellus Systems, Inc.**, a California corporation having a place of business at 3970 North First Street, San Jose, California 95134 (“ASSIGNEE”), the entire right, title and interest in any and all improvements and inventions disclosed in, applications based upon, and patents (including foreign patents and the right to claim priority) granted upon, the above-referenced application.
- 2) Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patents resulting from said application or any division, continuation, substitute, renewal, re-examination or reissue thereof to the ASSIGNEE.
- 3) Agree to execute all papers and documents and, entirely at the ASSIGNEE’s expense, perform any acts which are reasonably necessary in connection with the prosecution of said application, as well as any derivative applications thereof, foreign applications based thereon, and/or the enforcement of patents resulting from such applications.
- 4) Agree that the terms, covenants and conditions of this assignment shall inure to the benefit of the ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and other legal representative, and shall be binding upon the inventor, as well as the inventor’s heirs, legal representatives and assigns.
- 5) Warrant and represent that I have not entered, and will not enter into any assignment, contract, or understanding that conflicts with this assignment.
- 6) Authorize and request my attorney/agent to insert above the application No. in order to assist with recordal of this assignment.

Signed on the date indicated beside my signature.

1. Inventor Signature: David Chen
David Chen

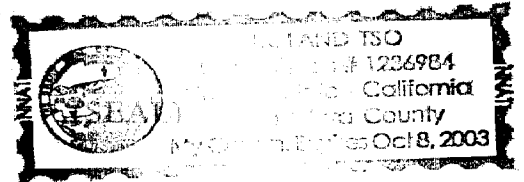
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State of California)
County of Santa Clara) ss.

On this 4 day of June, in the year 2003, before me, Roland Tso, Notary Public, personally appeared David Chen, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Signature Roland Tso



2. Inventor Signature: _____
Robert A. Shepherd, Jr.

Date: _____

State of California)
County of _____) ss.

On this _____ day of _____, in the year 2003, before me, _____, Notary Public personally appeared Robert A. Shepherd, Jr., personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Signature _____

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3. Inventor Signature: _____
Vishal Gauri

Date: _____

State of California)
County of _____) ss.

On this _____ day of _____, in the year 2003, before me, _____, Notary Public, personally appeared Vishal Gauri, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Notary Signature _____

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4. **Inventor Signature:** _____

Date: _____

George D. Papasouliotis

State of California)

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ss.

County of _____)

On this _____ day of _____, in the year 2003, before me, _____, Notary Public, personally appeared George D. Papasouliotis, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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