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WHEREAS, I, Manfred Neumeier, of Ruderner Str. 2/2, D-73733 Esslingen, Germany, have invented a TOOL CLAMPING DEVICE for which I have executed application for United States Application Serial No. 10/427,063, filed April 30, 2003; and,

WHEREAS, ESA Eppinger GmbH, of Breitwiesenweg 2-8, D-73770 Denkendorf, Germany, a corporation of Germany, is desirous of acquiring its rights in and to said invention and any Letters Patent to issue therefor subject to German law;

WHEREAS, I, Manfred Neumeier have notified ESA Eppinger GmbH, under German law and ESA Eppinger GmbH, desires to claim all of its rights to said invention under German law.

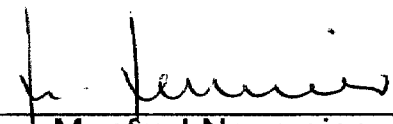
NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with German law, ESA Eppinger GmbH claims all of its rights to said invention. I, Manfred Neumeier, subject to German law, do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said, ESA Eppinger GmbH, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and invention in the United States and all countries foreign thereto, including the right of priority under the International Convention of 1883 and later modifications thereof, and to any Letters Patent to issue therefor, and I hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue to said company any Letters Patent thereon, in accordance with the terms of this assignment.

I agree to execute any and all documents required by said company, its successors or assigns, for the prosecution of said application, or of any division, reissue or continuation thereof, or for securing foreign patents covering said invention, and also any documents required by it, its successors or assigns, more fully to vest in it or them the title to said invention, or to any application or patent that may be filed therefor or secured thereon.

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