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## ASSIGNMENT

**WHEREAS, I, Dipl.-Phys. Dr. Wilfried Hofmann of München, Germany** have invented an improvement in REFRIGERATION DEVICE AND A METHOD FOR PRODUCING THE SAME (file NFTB 6930; Ref. No. H181-6-US/PCT vB/eb) and have executed an application for a United States patent based thereon simultaneously herewith;

**AND, WHEREAS, N F T Nanofiltertechnik GmbH of München, Germany** (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, I have agreed to and do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title, and interest in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) to said invention, said United States application, any other United States applications (including provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuing, or reissue applications) based in whole or in part on said United States application or in whole or in part on said invention, in whole or in part on said invention, and any and all patents (including extensions thereof) which have been or may be granted on any of the aforesaid applications or on said invention or any part thereof;

**TO BE HELD AND ENJOYED** by said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me had no sale and assignment of said interest been made;

**AND I** hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America to issue any and all United States patents which may be granted upon said United States applications or any of them, or upon said invention or any part thereof, to said ASSIGNEE;

**AND I** hereby agree for myself and for my heirs, executors and administrators, to execute without further consideration any further lawful documents and any further assurances, and any provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuing, reissue, or other applications for patents of any country, that may be deemed necessary by said ASSIGNEE fully to secure to said


ASSIGNEE its interest as aforesaid in and to said invention or any part thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them;

AND I hereby covenant for myself and my legal representatives, and agree with said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, that I have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said invention, to anyone except said ASSIGNEE, that prior to the execution of this deed my right, title, and interest in said invention had not been otherwise encumbered, and that I have not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand.

X 03/07/03

Date

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Dipl.-Phys. Dr. Wilfried Hofmann