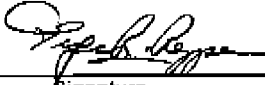
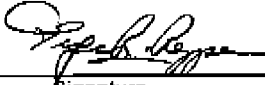
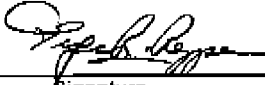


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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Helmut M. HEINE, a citizen of Germany, residing at Bannzeile 34, 86911 Diessen, Federal Republic of Germany and **Norbert MERKT**, a citizen of Germany, residing at Bucherweg 15, 82211 Herrsching-Breitbrunn, Federal Republic of Germany, (hereinafter "ASSIGNORS") are the inventors of an invention in **CHARGEABLE BATTERY FOR MEDICAL DIAGNOSTIC INSTRUMENTS**, for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of even date herewith, which was filed on **November 14, 2003**, Attorney Docket Number 2185-165, corresponding to German application number 202 19 985.1, filed December 27, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Heine Optotechnik GmbH & Co. KG, (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE") incorporated in the country of Germany, with a place of business at **Kientalstr. 7, 82211 Herrsching, Federal Republic of Germany**, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application;

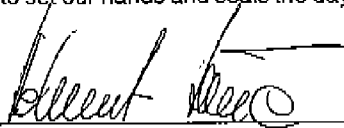
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we the said ASSIGNORS have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof and all rights of priority in any such country or countries based upon the filing of the said application for Letters Patent of the United States which are created by any law, treaty or international convention; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said invention to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year set opposite our respective signatures.

Date 25.11.2003


Helmut M. HEINE

Date 25.11.2003


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