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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS we, Ulrich SPEER, Sennigstrasse 6/2, D-75239 Eisingen, Germany / Roland WAGNER, Rondellstr. 15, D-75015 Bretten, Germany / AND Stephan LEONHARDT, Gustav-Hertz-Strasse 12, D-75015 Bretten, Germany, have invented an improvement in

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR JOINING SUBSTRATES TOGETHER**

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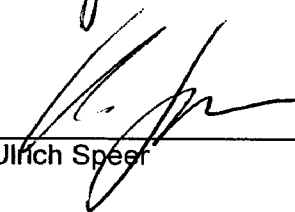
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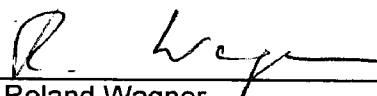
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AND WHEREAS STEAG HamaTech AG, Ferdinand-von-Steinbeis-Ring 10, D-75447 Sternenfels / Germany, is desirous of acquiring an interest in the same;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Ulrich SPEER, Roland WAGNER and Stephan LEONHARDT, hereby assign to the said STEAG HamaTech AG, its assigns and legal representatives, all the right, title and interest in and to said invention for the United States and its territories, and in and to said Letters Patent, continuations, divisions, reissues and extensions thereof in the United States, and hereby request that said Letters Patent issue accordingly. For said considerations, we, Ulrich SPEER, Roland WAGNER and Stephan LEONHARDT, agree to execute all papers that may be necessary to file applications in the United States for said invention and to assign the same to said STEAG HamaTech AG, or any assignee acquiring title to said invention and to execute any other papers that may be in connection with filing said applications and securing patents thereon.

In Testimony whereof, this assignment is being executed this 22 day of May 2003.

  
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Ulrich Speer 22.05.03

  
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