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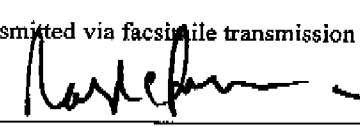
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**WHEREAS**, we, **Armin Melzer**, a citizen of Germany, residing at Schloßstr. 63, 46535 Dinslaken, Germany; **Petra Merkel**, a citizen of Germany, residing at Untere Krodostr. 1, 38667 Bad Harzburg, Germany; **Jochen Spriestersbach**, a citizen of Germany, residing at Waldsteige 22, 47058 Duisburg, Germany; **Rudi Kube**, a citizen of Germany, residing at Am Wildpark 17, 38667 Bad Harzburg, Germany; and **Norbert Schulz**, a citizen of Germany, residing at Viehweide 1a, 38667 Bad Harzburg, Germany, have invented certain inventions and improvements disclosed in an application for Letters Patent entitled "**Zinc Powder or Zinc Alloy Powder with Inhomogeneous Bulk Density for Alkaline Batteries**," filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on **January 9, 2004**, under U.S. Patent Application No. **10/754,271**, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/438,970 filed January 9, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, **Grillo-Werke AG**, a corporation of Germany, having a principal place of business at **Weseler Str. 1, 47169 Duisburg, Germany**, is desirous of acquiring an interest in the same;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of Five Dollars (\$5.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby acknowledge, we, **Armin Melzer, Petra Merkel, Jochen Spriestersbach, Rudi Kube and Norbert Schulz**, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto **Grillo-Werke AG**, the full, exclusive and entire right, title, and interest in and to said application, in and to any divisions, continuations, and reissues thereof, and in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed and described in said application, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; and we hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States resulting from said application, or from a division, continuation, or reissue thereof, to **Grillo-Werke AG**, as the assignee, for its interest and for the sole use and benefit of **Grillo-Werke AG** and its assigns and legal representatives;

For the same consideration, we, by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer to **Grillo Werke AG**, the full, exclusive, and entire right, title and interest in and to any foreign application or applications corresponding to said application, in whole or in part, in countries

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AND, for the same consideration, we agree to sign all lawful papers, execute all division, continuing, reissue and other applications, make all assignments and rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid **Grillo-Werke AG**, its successors, assigns, and nominees, to obtain and enforce proper protection for all said inventions and improvements in all countries throughout the world.

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