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WHEREAS, we, Dieter Greubel and Timon Gruber, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Method for Conditioning Fibrous Substances for which a United States patent application was filed on May 14, 2003 and accorded a serial number of 10/416,654;

AND WHEREAS, Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft zur Förderung de angewandten Forschung e.V., of München, Germany, and referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring our interest in said invention and in any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that for a valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby assign, sell and transfer unto the said assignee, my entire right, title and interest in and to inventions disclosed in said application and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States and in and to any Letters Patent or Inventor's Certificates of any and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor, and in and to any and all priority and/or Convention rights or benefits accruing or to accrue to us with respect to the filing or securing of patents in the United States and/or securing of patents or inventor's certificates in any and all countries foreign thereto.

AND we hereby grant to assignee the right to apply in its own name for patents or inventor's certificates corresponding to the above invention in countries foreign to the United States.

AND we hereby further agree to sign and properly execute such necessary and lawful papers for application for foreign patents and inventor's certificates for filing applications for United States, foreign patents and inventor's certificates for subdivisions of any applications for patent or inventor's certificate and/or for obtaining any reissue or reissues of any Letters Patent which may be granted for my aforesaid invention and to perform such further acts as may be required to carry out the intent of this agreement as the assignee thereof shall hereafter require and prepare at assignee's expense.

WITNESSETH, my hand this 15 day of Sept., 2003.



Dieter Greubel



Timon Gruber