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APPENDIX B

ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by us, Howard Timothy Jennings, citizen of Great Britain, British Nuclear Fuels plc, Product Development Centre, Capenhurst, Chester, Cheshire CH1 6ER, Great Britain and, Lin Li, citizen of China, residing at 5 Redmain Way, Fir Tree Drive South, Liverpool L12 0LU, Great Britain, respectively;

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, we are the joint inventors of certain new and useful improvements in *LASER MACHINING* for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been executed by us concurrently herewith, and

WHEREAS, British Nuclear Fuels Plc, a corporation having a principal place of business at Risley, Warrington, Cheshire WA3 6AS, Great Britain and University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, an educational institution having a principal place of business at Manchester M60 1QD, Great Britain, hereinafter referred to as assignees, are desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention as described in said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and convey unto the said assignees, their successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignees, their successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made.

We hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

We further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, we possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that we have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

We further covenant and agree to bind our heirs, legal representatives, and assigns promptly to communicate to said assignees or their representatives any facts known to us relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the assignees, their representatives, successors, or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the assignees complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignees, their successors, assigns, and other legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 11 day of September, 1998.

ASSIGNOR:

Howard Timothy Jennings
HOWARD TIMOTHY JENNINGS

Witnesses:

Bradley DR L BRADLEY
R. Bayliss DR R BAYLISS

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 14 day
of Sept., 1998.

ASSIGNOR:

Li Lin

Witnesses:

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