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A. Patent Application No.(s)  
10/947,842

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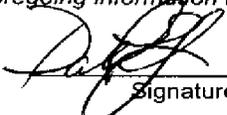
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## ASSIGNMENT

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in

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that are the subject of an application for a U.S. Patent, (Application No. 10/947,842,  
filed September 23, 2004), which application is further identified as Rankin, Hill,  
Porter & Clark LLP Docket No. SCH-15602.

WHEREAS, OLYMPUS WINTER & IBE GMBH, a corporation of Germany, and  
having a place of business at Kuehnstraße 61, 22045 Hamburg, Germany, hereinafter  
referred to as "assignee", is desirous of acquiring all right, title, and interest throughout  
the world in, to, and under said improvements and inventions and patent rights  
therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that, for valuable consideration, the receipt  
and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, all right, title, and interest, in the  
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power to insert on this assignment any identification that may be necessary or  
desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this assignment has been executed below by the undersigned:

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Signature: Thomas Aue  
Today's Date: 4.8.2004

Witness: A. W. Witz  
Witness: Begert

(2) Inventor Name (joint): Felix Nußbaum  
Signature: F. Nußbaum  
Today's Date: 09.07.2004

Witness: Thomas Aue  
Witness: A. W. Witz

(3) Inventor Name (joint): Thomas Wosnitza  
Signature: Thomas Wosnitza  
Today's Date: 5.08.04

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