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Inventors: Alexander Klein and Bernd Kretschmann
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Serial No.: 09/852,515
Patent No.: 6,667,003
Application Filing Date: May 10, 2001

In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assign to:

Zimmer AG

its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, entitled:

**“Method for the Manufacture of Synthetic Fibers from a Melt Mixture Based on Fiber Forming Polymers”
United States Patent No. 6,667,003 issued December 23, 2003**

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Case No. 01-495

in the offices of MCDONNELL BOEHNEN HULBERT & BERGHOFF and in said application and any and all other applications, both United States and foreign, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries, which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension of such patents, and further assigns to said assignee the priority right provided by the International Convention.

The undersigned hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said assignee.

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For said considerations the undersigned hereby agree, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional, continuation and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath, affidavit or declaration relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application and any and all applications and other documents for Letters Patent in foreign countries on said invention or improvements, that said assignee, its successors or assigns may deem necessary or expedient, and for the said considerations the undersigned authorize said assignee to apply for patents for said invention or improvements in its own name in such countries where such procedure is proper and further agree, upon the request of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said assignee, its successors and assigns, in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents, including the preparation and execution of preliminary statements, giving and producing evidence, and performing any and all other acts necessary to obtain, maintain and enforce said Letters Patent, both United States and foreign, and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in the assignee, its successors and assigns, whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by the said assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent will be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment had not been made.

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Alexander Klein

WITNESS my hand and seal this 16 day of February, 1904.



Bernd Kretschmann

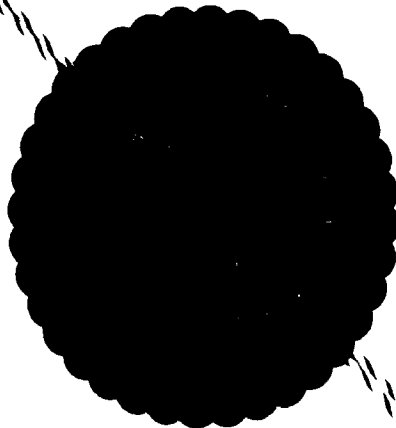
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I herewith certify as before me signed the foregoing signature of

Bernd Kretschmann, Dolmenweg 7 63755 Alzenau,
personally known to me -

who set his hand on this document.

Frankfurt am Main, this 16th day of February 2004



[Handwritten Signature]
Notary Public
(Dr. Karsten Friedrich)

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2. ist unterschrieben von Dr. Kretschmann

3. in seiner Eigenschaft als amtlich bestellter Notar

4. sie ist versehen mit dem Siegel/Stempel des(der) Notars

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5. in Frankfurt/Main 6. am 18. Feb. 2004

7. durch den Herrn Präsidenten des Landgerichts

8. unter Nr. 91 Ea A 1239

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