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**PATENT ASSIGNMENT OF JOINTLY OWNED PATENT APPLICATIONS**  
**from**  
**Industrial Microwave Systems, Inc.**  
**to**  
**Laitram Sub, L.L.C. (a Delaware limited liability company)**

WHEREAS, Laitram Sub, L.L.C., a limited liability company of the State of Delaware, having its registered office in the State of Delaware at 1201 North Market Street, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware 19801, United States of America, wants to acquire the right, title, and interest of Industrial Microwave Systems, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 3000 Perimeter Park Drive, Building I, Morrisville, North Carolina 27560, United States of America, in and to the patent applications identified below;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern that for and in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, Industrial Microwave Systems, Inc. does hereby assign, sell, and transfer unto Laitram Sub, L.L.C., for the territory of the United States of America and the entire world, its right, title, and interest in and to the following patent applications, and any and all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reexaminations, reissues, or extensions of the patent applications, including all priority rights, and the right to sue for and to collect damages, lost profits, and attorney's fees for any and all past infringements of the patent applications, subject to the rights of any other joint owners of the patent applications:

**PATENT APPLICATIONS**

<u>Country</u>	<u>Patent Application Serial Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
United States	10/333,584	RAPID, CONTINUOUS, AND SELECTIVE MOISTURE CONTENT EQUALIZATION OF NUTS, GRAINS, AND SIMILAR COMMODITIES	24 January 2003
United States	10/129,776	THERMAL GELATION OF FOODS AND BIOMATERIALS USING MICROWAVE ENERGY	10 May 2002
Canada	2,388,641	THERMAL GELATION OF FOODS AND BIOMATERIALS USING MICROWAVE ENERGY	13 November 2000*
European Patent Office	00980365.1	THERMAL GELATION OF FOODS AND BIOMATERIALS USING MICROWAVE ENERGY	13 November 2000*

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13 November 2000\*

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Industrial Microwave Systems, Inc. does hereby covenant and agree that it will, at any time and upon the request of Laitram Sub, L.L.C., execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable both to perfect the title to the patent applications or patents that issue thereon and to assist in the resolution of any question concerning any of the patent applications or patents.

Nothing in this Patent Assignment of Jointly Owned Patent Applications supercedes, modifies, changes or otherwise affects any of the covenants, indemnification obligations or warranties of Industrial Microwave Systems, Inc. ("IMS") under the Asset Purchase Agreement between IMS, Laitram, L.L.C. and Laitram Sub, L.L.C. dated September 18, 2003, all of which shall continue in full force and effect.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, this assignment is effective as of the 18th day of September, 2003.

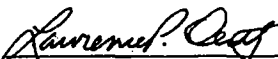
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J. Michael Drozd  
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**Assignee**

Laitram Sub, L.L.C.

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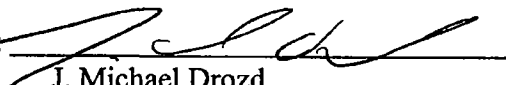
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA §

COUNTY OF Wake §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on Sept. 17, 2003,  
by J. Michael Drozd, whose title is President of Industrial Microwave Systems, Inc., a  
corporation of the State of Delaware, on behalf of the corporation.

Merrily A. Nash  
Notary Public, State of North Carolina

My commission expires: 11-08-06

Notary Public, North Carolina  
County of Wake  
MERRILYA. NASH  
My Commission Expires 11-08-06.

STATE OF LOUISIANA §

PARISH OF Jefferson §

This instrument was acknowledged before me on September 18, 2003,  
by Lawrence P. Oertling, whose title is Manager/Secretary of Laitram Sub, L.L.C., a limited  
liability company of the State of Delaware, on behalf of the limited liability company.

James J. Curran  
Notary Public, State of Louisiana

My commission expires: at death