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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

WHEREAS, we, **Harald SCHNITZLER**, Im Roosen 24, CH-9450 Lüchingen, Switzerland; and **Heinz ZIMMERMANN**, Bühlstrasse 38, CH-9436 Balgach, Switzerland, have invented certain new and useful improvements entitled **Changer Device For Optical Elements**, for which an application for Letters Patent in the United States was executed on the date which appears next to my signature.

AND WHEREAS, **Leica Microsystems (Schweiz) AG**, Max-Schmidheiny-Strasse 201, CH- 9435 Heerbrugg, Switzerland, is desirous of acquiring all interest in said invention, said application, and in any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor;

AND WHEREAS, at the time the invention was made, we were under an obligation to assign all of our right, title, and interest in our said invention to Leica Microsystems (Schweiz) AG.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, that for the sum of one dollar and other valuable consideration to us in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby assign, sell, and transfer unto said Leica Microsystems (Schweiz) AG the entire right, title, and interest in said invention, said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States, and countries foreign thereto, which may be granted for said invention, and in and to any and all priority rights, rights under the International Convention For The Protection Of Industrial Property, rights under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, and other benefits accruing or to accrue to us with respect to the filing of applications for patents or securing of patents in the United States and countries foreign thereto.

And we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said United States Letters Patent to said Leica Microsystems (Schweiz) AG as the assignee of the whole right, title, and interest thereto.

And we further agree to sign and properly execute such necessary and lawful papers for application for foreign patents, for filing subdivisions of said application for patent, and for obtaining any reissue or reissues of any Letters Patent which may be granted for our aforesaid invention, as the assignee thereof shall hereafter require and prepare at its own expense.

WITNESS, my signature and date of execution:



Harald SCHNITZLER

11/24/2004

Date



Heinz ZIMMERMANN

11/24/2004

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