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THIS ASSIGNMENT, by RUDOLF SILLÉN, residing at RONNEBY, SWEDEN (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignor"), respectively, witnesseth:

WHEREAS, the Assignor have invented certain new and useful improvements in DEVICE FOR TREATMENT OF IRON ALLOYS IN A VESSEL set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States,

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1.     (a)  filed herewith;  
       (b)  to be filed;
2.      having an oath or declaration executed on even date herewith prior to filing of application;
3.      bearing Application No. PCT/SE02/01463, and filed on 16 AUGUST 2002; and

WHEREAS, NOVACAST AB, a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of SWEDEN and having a principal place of business at SOFT CENTER, 372 25 RONNEBY, SWEDEN (hereinafter referred to as "the Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said inventions, the right to file applications on said inventions and the entire right, title and interest in and to any applications, including provisional applications for Letters Patent of the United States or other countries claiming priority to said application, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor have sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer, and set over, unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns the entire right, title, and interest in and to the above-mentioned inventions, the right to file applications on said inventions and the entire right, title and interest in and to any applications for Letters Patent of the United States or other countries claiming priority to said applications, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents of the United States of America and all foreign countries that may be granted therefor and thereon, and in and to any and all applications claiming priority to said applications, divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said applications, and reissues and extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, for its own use and behalf and the use and behalf of its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent or Patents may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignor had this sale and assignment not been made;

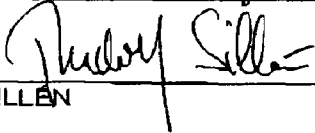
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AND the Assignor hereby authorize and request the attorneys of Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, L.L.P., of Alexandria, Virginia, to insert in the spaces provided above the filing date, application number, and attorney's docket number of said application when known.

AND the Assignor hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all said Letters Patent of the United States to the Assignee as the Assignee of said inventions, the Letters Patent to be issued for the sole use and behalf of the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns.

DATE 21 January 2004



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