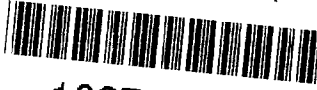


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The Effective Date of this Assignment is ~~October, 1~~ 2001.

WHEREAS, CARL-ZEISS-STIFTUNG, a foundation organized and existing under the laws of Germany and trading as Carl Zeiss, having its principal office at 89518 Heidenheim (Brenz), Germany (hereinafter "ASSIGNOR"), by virtue of an assignment from the inventors, was the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to certain new and useful inventions and improvements which are the subject of 8 PATENTS AND PATENTS APPLICATIONS for United States Patent entitled

Title: "Iris Diaphragm" filed 03.04.2001, and assigned U.S. Serial Number 09/825,665;

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Title: "Mounting device for an optical element" filed 31.10.2001 and assigned U.S. Serial Number 09/999,892;

Title: "An optical element housing or mounting connector" filed 19.04.2001 and assigned U.S. Serial Number 09/839,958

Title: "An optical element mount" filed 14.08.2001 and assigned U.S. Serial Number 09/930,778;

Title: "Device for mounting an optical element" filed 15.06.2001 and assigned U.S. Serial Number 09/882,564;

~~Title: "System for flusing at least one internal space of an objective" filed 07.12.2001 and assigned U.S. Serial Number 10/020,561;~~

Title: "Method of connecting a multiplicity of optical elements" filed 21.06.2001 and assigned U.S. Serial Number 09/888,214

WHEREAS, Carl Zeiss SMT AG, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Germany and having its principal office at Carl-Zeiss-Strasse 22, 73447 Oberkochen, Germany, formerly CARL ZEISS SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES AG (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), was desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the PATENTS AND PATENT APPLICATIONS, including any and all Letters Patent of the United States that may be obtained therefore, and any and all foreign patents claiming priority to said PATENTS AND PATENT APPLICATIONS;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that, pursuant to the terms of a contract entered into between ASSIGNOR and ASSIGNEE and notarized January 15, 2002, for good and valuable consideration recited therein and paid by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does hereby confirm that, as of the Effective date, ASSIGNOR did sell, assign and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, its entire right, title and interest in and to the PATENTS AND PATENT APPLICATIONS, the same interest to be held by ASSIGNEE, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which Letters Patent may be granted or may be reissued or extended, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by ASSIGNOR had his assignment and sale not been made.

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