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ASSIGNMENT

This assignment agreement is applicable to an invention entitled (Invention Title)

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The PATENT PROPERTY referred to in this agreement is:

- (check one) a patent application for this invention, executed by the ASSIGNORS concurrently with this assignment.
- U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/524,366, filed Feburary 11, 2005.
- a U.S. patent application based on PCT International Application No. _____ filed on (date) _____ (U.S. application Serial No. _____, if known).
- U.S. patent No. _____, issued _____.

The PATENT PROPERTY also includes all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions of the patents and patent applications identified above.

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- (check one) U.S. patent property only.
- Worldwide patent property. In this case, the ASSIGNEE shall have the right to claim the benefit of the filing date of any U.S. or foreign patent application for this invention.

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- the right to claim priority under 35 USC 119, 35 USC 120, or any other applicable provisions, based on any earlier patent applications for this invention.

The ASSIGNORS referred to in this agreement are identified on page 2 of this Assignment.

The following ASSIGNEE is the recipient of the entire rights assigned herein:

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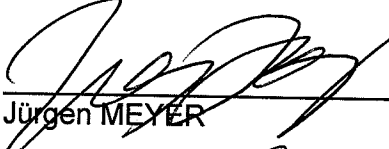
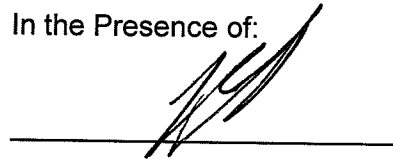

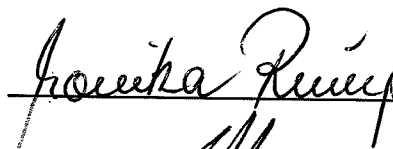
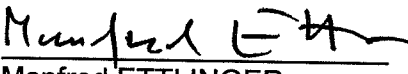
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 A Partnership.
 A Corporation of Germany (specify state or country)
 (other) _____

The ASSIGNORS, in consideration of \$10.00 paid by the ASSIGNEE, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged, hereby assign to the ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the ENTIRE PATENT RIGHTS.

As to all U.S. patent applications assigned under this agreement, the ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Letters Patent to the ASSIGNEE as the assignee of the right, title and interest, for the use and enjoyment of said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns.

Further, the ASSIGNORS agree to communicate to said ASSIGNEE, or its representatives, any facts known to the ASSIGNORS respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitute, renewal, reexamination and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all Letters Patent to be issued to said ASSIGNEE, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything necessary or desirable to aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention.

The ASSIGNORS authorize any attorneys and agents who have a power of attorney in this application to check any appropriate boxes and to insert the Serial Number and filing date in this document after it has been executed.

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