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We, GREGORY W. SCHUH and TRACY LYTLE, residing in, CAMARILLO, California and CAMARILLO, California, respectively, represent that we have invented improvements in a new and useful "BRIDGE ROW TOOL", for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America on the same day as our execution of this Assignment.

VEECO INSTRUMENTS INC. "VEECO", a Delaware Corporation, has a place of business at 100 Sunnyside Boulevard, Suite B, Woodbury, New York 11797 and desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, application and letters patent to be granted and issued thereon.

For valuable consideration, the receipt and legal sufficiency of all of which we acknowledge, we have sold and do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto VEECO, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and all improvements thereon, in and to the application for letters patents thereon, in and to applications pertaining to or based upon the invention and application, including divisional and continuing applications and continuations-in-part, and in and to any and all letters patent which may be granted and issued on the invention and applications, or any of them, in the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and in all countries foreign thereto, together with and including all priority rights based upon any and all applications in the United States of America covered by this Assignment.

We also agree that we will, at the request of VEECO execute any and all applications for letters patent for the invention, execute any and all other papers and documents and do all other and further lawful acts that VEECO may deem necessary or desirable to obtain letters patent on the invention, to secure the grant of such letters patent and to protect and vest in VEECO the undivided interests in the right, title and interest in the invention, applications and letters patent.

We also authorize and empower VEECO, its successors and assigns to apply for and obtain, in its or their own names, letters patent for the invention before competent International Authorities and in any and all countries foreign to the United States in which applications for letters patent can be so made or letters patent so obtained.

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On December 7, 2004 before me, Joseph William Anderson, a
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Schuh and Tracy Lytle, personally known to me (or proved to me on
the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is
subscribed to this instrument, and acknowledged to me that he
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