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3. NATURE OF CONVEYANCE

- Assignment
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6. TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS
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ASSIGNMENT

Know all men by these presents that:

WHEREAS WE,

Peter Mattes
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have made an invention for

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the specification of which was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 10, 2004 as Serial No. 10/486,523 and which claims priority to German Patent Application No. 101 38 317.7 filed August 10, 2001 and International Application No. PCT/EP02/08871 filed August 8, 2002;

WHEREAS, E.A. Mattes GmbH, a corporation existing under the laws of Germany and having a place of business at Nendinger Allee 99, 78532 Tuttlingen, Germany, for the benefit of itself, its successors and assigns, all inclusively hereinafter referred to as the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, the said application, all inventions disclosed in said application and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and of all other countries which may be granted for the said invention or inventions, or any of them;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration provided by said Assignee, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell, assign and transfer to the said Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, inventions and application, including all priority rights arising therefrom, all inventions disclosed in said application, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States, and of all other countries, together with the right to apply for such Letters Patent, which may be granted for the said invention, inventions or any of them,

TO HAVE, HOLD AND ENJOY the said invention, the said application, and the said Letters Patent, to said

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its successors and assigns, to its and their own use and behoof to the full end of the term or terms for which the said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had this assignment and sale not been made.

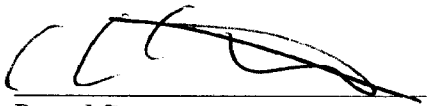
AND we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States and the appropriate officers of all foreign patent offices to issue any and all Letters Patent which may be granted on the said application or applications above referred to, or for the said invention, or any of them, to the said Assignee in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND we hereby agree to execute and sign without further consideration any other legal document and any other assignments and any divisional, continuing, renewal, reissue or other application in and for all patents that may be appropriate and may be deemed necessary by the Assignee fully to secure to said Assignee its interests as aforesaid in and to the said invention or any part thereof and in and to the said patents or any of them.

AND we further covenant and agree that we will at any time upon request communicate to the said Assignee, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, any facts known to us relating to the said invention and any patent that may be granted thereon, and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation when requested to do so.

AND we hereby covenant for ourselves and our legal representatives that we have not hitherto assigned or granted any license to make, use or sell said invention, and that we will not henceforth purport to assign, license or execute any instrument to that effect in conflict with this assignment.

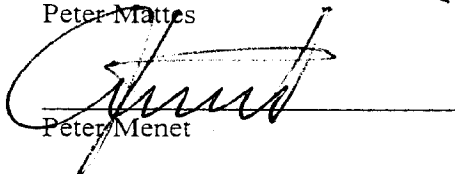
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands on the date below.



Peter Mattes

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Date



Peter Menet

3/05/2004

Date