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Whereas I, an undersigned inventor, have invented certain new and useful improvements as set forth in the patent application entitled:

## ENHANCED STRIPPING OF LOW-K FILMS USING DOWNSTREAM GAS MIXING

(Atty. Docket No. NOVLP126/NVLS-3015), (check one)
for which I have executed a U.S. patent application on even date herewith. (Accompanying) which bears U.S. application No (Not accompanying) which is a U.S. provisional application. (Accompanying)
For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I, an undersigned inventor, hereby:
1) Sell, assign and transfer to <b>Novellus Systems, Inc.</b> , a California corporation having a place of business at 3970 North First Street, San Jose, California 95134 ("ASSIGNEE"), the entire right, title and interest in any and all improvements and inventions disclosed in, applications based upon, and patents granted upon (including foreign patents and the right to claim priority), the above-referenced application.
2) Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all United States Patents resulting from said application or any division, continuation, substitute, renewal, re-examination or reissue thereof to the ASSIGNEE.
3) Agree to execute all papers and documents and, entirely at the ASSIGNEE's expense, perform any acts which are reasonably necessary in connection with the prosecution of said application, as well as any derivative applications thereof, foreign applications based thereon, and/or the enforcement of patents resulting from such applications.
4) Agree that the terms, covenants and conditions of this assignment shall inure to the benefit of the ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives, and shall be binding upon the inventor, as well as the inventor's heirs, legal representatives and assigns.
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