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In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

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Karl H. Ehrenfels  
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and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest, including the right to sue for present, past and future infringement, in the United States, its territorial possessions, and in all foreign countries, including all treaty and convention rights in and to the invention and any and all improvements entitled:

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which is described in

- (a)  U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith
- (b)  U.S. patent application executed on \_\_\_\_\_
- (c)  International Application No. PCT/US03/08342 filed on 19 March 2003.
- (d)  U.S. patent no. \_\_\_\_\_ issued \_\_\_\_\_  
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- (e)  and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country, and, in and to, all United States and foreign Letters Patent, for the full term thereof, to be obtained for said invention by the above application or any continuation, division, renewal, extension or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any re-issue or re-examination thereof;

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ASSIGNOR hereby grants ASSIGNEE and Assignee's attorneys the power to insert the Serial No. and/or filing date of the above-described application(s) after such information becomes known to them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set hand and seal.

INVENTORS:

Csaba L. Rethy  
Csaba L. Rethy

Dated: 06-02-03

State of Connecticut )  
County of New Haven ) ss: NORTH HAVEN

Before me this 2nd day of JUNE 2003,  
personally appeared Csaba L. Rethy to me personally known to be the person described in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

Nancy C. Arako  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires June 30, 2005

AFFIX SEAL

Karl Ehrenfels  
Karl H. Ehrenfels

Dated: 6/2/03

State of Connecticut )  
County of NEW HAVEN ) ss: NORFOLK HAVEN

Before me this 2nd day of JUNE 2003,  
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Nancy C. Secker  
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AFFIX SEAL

Robert Pedros  
Robert Pedros

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Before me this 2nd day of JUNE 2003,  
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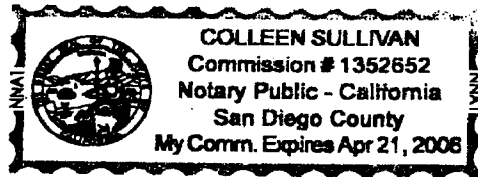
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Dated: 6/2/2003

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