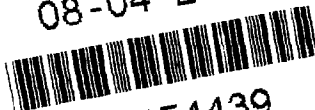


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WHEREAS, Muhr und Bender KG, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany, and having a place of business at In den Schlachtwiesen 4, D-57439, Attendorn, Germany (hereinafter Muhr), is desirous of acquiring all rights, title and interest in and to the said application and any inventions or discoveries (or both) therein described and any Letters Patent that may be issued for any inventions or discoveries contained in said application, and of confirming the same or any part thereof heretofore acquired by Muhr:

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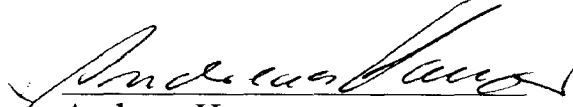
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this ^x13th day of July, 2005.


Andreas Hauger