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WHEREAS:

NAME AND ADDRESS
OF ASSIGNOR:

**Volker Thole of Braunschweig Germany; and
Dirk Kruse of Braunschweig Germany**

(Hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS), have invented and own a certain invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION:

**METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF FIRE-
RESISTANT WOOD FIBER MOLDINGS (as amended)**

(hereinafter referred to as INVENTION) which is described in

**US SERIAL NUMBER 10/526,541
FILED MARCH 3, 2005 AND**

WHEREAS:

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