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WHEREAS we, Dr. Adi A. SCHEIDEMANN, Obere Gasse 15, CH-5400 Baden,
Switzerland AND Dr. Dirk ARDELT, Dachsstrasse 19, D-47800 Krefeld, Germany have
invented an improvement in
ICP MASS SPECTROMETER
for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States
[] is being made herewith.
[X] was filed on 5/18/06 under Serial No. 11/426, 993 .
AND WHEREAS Spectro Analytical Instruments GmbH & Co. KG, Boschstrasse 10, D-
47533 Kleve, Germany, is desirous of acquiring an interest in the same;
Now, therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable
consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Dr. Adi A. Scheidemann and
Dr. Dirk Ardelt , hereby assign to the said Spectro Analytical Instruments GmbH & Co. KG
, its assigns and legal representatives, all the right, title and interest in and to said invention for
the United States and its territories, and in and to said Letters Patent, continuations, divisions,
reissues and extensions thereof in the United States, and hereby request that said Letters Patent
issue accordingly. For said considerations, we, <u>Dr. Adi A. Scheidemann and Dr. Dirk Ardelt</u> ,
agree to execute all papers that may be necessary to file applications in the United States for
said invention and to assign the same to said Spectro Analytical Instruments GmbH & Co. KG,
or any assignee acquiring title to said invention and to execute any other papers that may be
required in connection with filing said applications and securing patents thereon.
In Testimony whereof, this assignment is being executed this 1/2 day of
May 2006.
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Dr. Adi A. Scheidemann Dr. Dirk Ardelt

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