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I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America to issue Letters Patent upon the aforesaid application, division, extension, continuation, continuation-in-part or reissue, to Veeco Instruments, Inc., for the sole use and benefit of said Veeco Instruments, Inc., its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, the same as they would have been held and enjoyed by me had this assignment not been made, and I hereby authorize and request the

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Given under my hand and notarial seal this 22 day of June

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