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No additional names attached

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**3. NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:**

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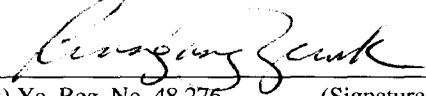
**6. TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS & PATENTS INVOLVED 1.**

**7. TOTAL FEE (37 CF4.3.41) \$40.00**  
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**8. DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 50-1720**

**9. STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE.**

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

  
Liangang (Mark) Ye, Reg. No. 48,276 (Signature)

December 13, 2006 (Date)

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### Assignment

WHEREAS, the undersigned inventors hereinafter referred to as the "Inventors" each said Inventor's address being listed below

LEENDERT COMBEE, citizen of THE NETHERLANDS, residing at PARKVEIEN 43, 0258 OSLO, NORWAY

NICOLAS GOUJON, citizen of FRANCE, residing at AGATHE GROENDAHLSTGT 10, 0478 OSLO, NORWAY

KENNETH E. WELKER, citizen of THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, residing at SUNDVEIEN 17D, NESØYA 1397, NORWAY

SVEIN ARNE FRIVIK, citizen of NORWAY, residing at EKRAVEIEN 42, 0756 OSLO NORWAY

Has/have invented certain new and useful improvements in

#### **APPARATUS FOR SEABED SEISMIC ACQUISITION**

as described and set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on \_\_\_\_\_, Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Docket No. 14.0324-US).

WHEREAS each of the undersigned persons warrants that no person other than these undersigned persons are inventors of the above-described invention;

AND WHEREAS, the "**COMPANIES**", listed in **Schedule A**, are desirous of acquiring or confirming their acquisition of the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, inventions or improvements, and in and to said application, and in and to any and all patents, both of the United States and of all foreign countries, that may be obtained therefore **as outlined in Schedule A**;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that the undersigned Inventors, for good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which hereby acknowledge, have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and by this assignment do sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said COMPANIES, their successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world, in and to the above-described invention, inventions or improvements described or set forth in said application, in any form or embodiment thereof, and in and to said application, and in and to any applications filed in any foreign country based thereon, including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty; and in and to any confirmation, divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, or substitute application which may be filed on said invention, inventions or improvements in the United States or in any foreign country; and in and to any and all patents, certificates, utility models, reissues, extensions, additions or confirmations thereof which may be

granted in the United States or in any foreign country upon said invention, inventions or improvements,

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all such United States and foreign patents and grants may be issued on said invention, inventions or improvements.

AND said Inventors do hereby authorize and request the issuing authority to issue any and all of said United States and foreign patents on said application or applications to said **COMPANIES**, their successors and assigns, as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and benefit of said **COMPANIES**, their successors and assigns.

AND said Inventors do hereby covenant and warrant that said Inventors have full right to convey the entire right, title and interest herein assigned free and clear of all licenses, encumbrances and liens whatsoever, and that no said Inventors has executed and will execute any instruments in conflict herewith.

AND said Inventors, for the conditions aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said **COMPANIES**, their successors and assigns, that each Inventor, his or her executors, administrators, or other personal representatives, shall and will do all lawful acts and things, make all rightful oaths, and make, execute and deliver any and all other instruments in writing, and any and all further applications, papers, powers, affidavits, assignments, disclaimers and other documents, which in the opinion of counsel for said **COMPANIES**, their successors and assigns, may be required or necessary in this or in any foreign country more effectually to secure to and vest in said **COMPANIES**, their successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, inventions or improvements, application or applications, patents, rights, titles, benefits, privileges, and advantages hereby sold, assigned, confirmed, transferred and conveyed.

WITNESSED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I, LEENDERT COMBEE, have hereunto set my hand and seal this  
14 day of June, 2006.

L. Combee  
(signature of Inventor)

BE IT KNOWN that LEENDERT COMBEE is to me known to be the individual described in the foregoing assignment, that on this 14 day of JUNE, 2006, I was personally present and did see him sign and execute the foregoing assignment; and, that he did acknowledge to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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WITNESSED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I, NICOLAS GOUJON, have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006.

  
(signature of inventor)

BE IT KNOWN that NICOLAS GOUJON is to me known to be the individual described in the foregoing assignment, that on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006, I was personally present and did see him sign and execute the foregoing assignment; and, that he did acknowledge to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

  
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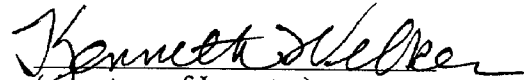
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WITNESSED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I, KENNETH E. WELKER, have hereunto set my hand and seal this  
30 day of November, 2006.

  
(signature of Inventor)

BE IT KNOWN that KENNETH E. WELKER is to me known to be the individual described in the foregoing assignment, that on this 30th day of November, 2006, I was personally present and did see him sign and execute the foregoing assignment; and, that he did acknowledge to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



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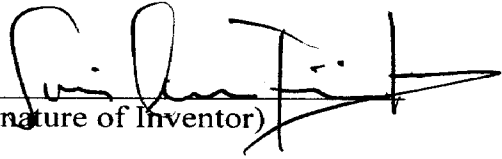
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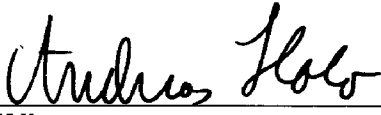
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WITNESSED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I, SVEIN ARNE FRIVIK, have hereunto set my hand and seal this  
18 day of June, 2006.

  
(signature of Inventor)

BE IT KNOWN that SVEIN ARNE FRIVIK is to me known to be the individual described in the foregoing assignment, that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2006, I was personally present and did see him sign and execute the foregoing assignment; and, that he did acknowledge to me that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

  
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**Schedule A**  
**“COMPANIES”**

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