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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS I, Dr. Reinhard Uphus, Ehlvershof 12, D-30419 Hannover / Germany, have invented an improvement in

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for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States

[] is being made herewith.

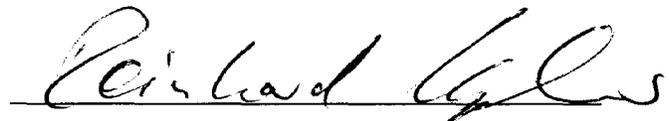
[X] was filed on October 12, 2006 under US Patent Application Serial No. 11/580,208.

AND WHEREAS VMI- AZ Extrusion GmbH, Bahnhofstrasse 6, D-93486 Runding, 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, I Reinhard Uphus, hereby assign to the said VMI - AZ Extrusion GmbH, 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, I, Reinhard Uphus, 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 VMI - AZ Extrusion GmbH, 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 28 day of November in the year of 2006.

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