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WHEREAS, I, Klaus Grobe of Planegg, Germany (hereinafter "Assignor"), have invented certain new and useful improvements in A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING BIT ERRORS for which application for a U.S. Patent was made on December 20, 2010 as Serial No. 12/973,167.

AND, WHEREAS, ADVA AG Optical Networking, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of Germany, having its principal office and place of business at Fraunhoferstrasse 9a (hereinafter "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring an interest therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the Assignee, its successors and assigns, his entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and application, and in and to any and all foreign patent applications filed on the invention, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with his right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor if this assignment and sale had not been made.

Assignor hereby requests that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

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