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Michael R. Reese  
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Rajesh D. Patel  
Signature

March 2, 2011  
Date

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## ASSIGNMENT

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WHEREAS, we, **Michael R. Reese**, a citizen of the United States, residing at 2806 Twin Fountains Drive, Houston, Texas 77068, United States, and **Alfazazi Dourfaye**, a citizen of France, residing at 82 Avenue, Philippe Auguste, 75011 Paris, France, have invented certain inventions and improvements disclosed in a non-provisional application for Letters Patent entitled, “**Method and Apparatus for Testing Superhard Material Performance**”, filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 14, 2010 and assigned U.S. Patent Application No. 12/967,893; and

WHEREAS, **Varel Europe S.A.S.**, a French corporation having a principal place of business at Pau Cité Multimédia, Bâtiment D, 45, Avenue Léon Blum, 64054 PAU Cedex 09, France, is desirous of acquiring an interest in the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby acknowledge, we, **Michael R. Reese** and **Alfazazi Dourfaye**, by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer to **Varel Europe S.A.S.**, the full, exclusive, and entire right, title, and interest in and to said application, in and to any divisions, continuations, reexaminations, and reissues thereof, and in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed and described in said application, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; and we hereby request the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States resulting from said application, or from a division, continuation, reexamination, or reissue thereof, to **Varel Europe S.A.S.** as the assignee, for its interest and for the sole use and benefit of **Varel Europe S.A.S.** and its assigns and legal representatives;

For the same consideration, we by these presents, do sell, assign, and transfer to **Varel Europe S.A.S.** the full, exclusive, and entire right, title, and interest in and to any foreign application or applications corresponding to said application, in whole or in part, in countries other than the United States, in and to any Letters Patent and similar protective rights granted on said foreign applications, and in and to the right to claim any applicable priority rights arising from or required for said foreign applications under the terms of any applicable conventions, treaties, statutes, or regulations; said foreign applications to be filed and issued in the name of **Varel Europe S.A.S.** or its designee insofar as permitted by applicable law;

AND, for the same consideration, we agree to sign all lawful papers, execute all division, continuing, reexamination, reissue, and other applications, make all assignments and rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid **Varel Europe S.A.S.**, its successors, assigns, and

nominees to obtain and enforce proper protection for all said inventions and improvements in all countries throughout the world.

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**Michael R. Reese**

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of \_\_\_\_\_, on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011, personally appeared **Michael R. Reese**, who, being duly sworn, signed and acknowledged the foregoing Assignment as his free act and deed.

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NOTARY PUBLIC

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My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Alfazazi Dourfaye**

**Witness Statement:**

On this 4 day of February, 2011, in the city of Pau, in the country of France, personally appeared **Alfazazi Dourfaye**, who, before me, signed and acknowledged the foregoing Assignment as his free act and deed.



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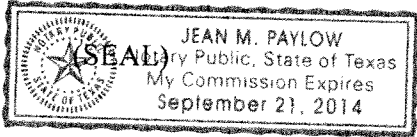
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nominees to obtain and enforce proper protection for all said inventions and improvements in all countries throughout the world.

Michael R. Reese  
Michael R. Reese

STATE OF Texas

Before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Texas, on this 23rd day of February, 2011, personally appeared **Michael R. Reese**, who, being duly sworn, signed and acknowledged the foregoing Assignment as his free act and deed.



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Alfazazi Dourfaye

**Witness Statement:**

On this 22 day of February, 2011, in the city of Houston, Tx, in the country of \_\_\_\_\_, personally appeared **Alfazazi Dourfaye**, who, before me, signed and acknowledged the foregoing Assignment as his free act and deed.

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WITNESS SIGNATURE

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