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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS I, 1) Paul R. Aimone  
of 20 Tanglewood Drive, Bridgewater, MA 02324-2275  
have invented certain improvements in FINE GRAIN NIOBIUM SHEET VIA INGOT METALLURGY

described in a patent application executed by me on \_\_\_\_\_  
and identified in the United States Patent Office as follows:

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and Attorney's Docket No.: PO-8612/CH04-15B; and

WHEREAS, H.C. STARCK INC. of Newton, Massachusetts, a corporation of the State of Massachusetts, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention or inventions and any and all patents to be obtained therefore;

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration and in accordance with the obligations in my employment contracts with H.C. STARCK INC., I do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said H.C. STARCK INC., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention or inventions, as described in the aforesaid application, in any form or embodiment thereof, and in and to the aforesaid application; and in and to any applications filed in any foreign country based thereon, including the right to file said foreign applications under the provisions of the International Convention; also any improvements on said invention or inventions now or hereafter made by me during the period of my employment; also the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents or reissues or extensions thereof to be obtained in this or any foreign country upon said invention, inventions or improvements and any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part or substitute applications which may be filed upon said invention, inventions or improvements in this or any foreign country; and I hereby authorize and request the issuing authority to issue any and all patents on said application or applications to said H.C. STARCK INC., as assignee of the entire interest.

I further agree, without any payment by H.C. STARCK INC., other than expenses incurred by the undersigned, to communicate to said H.C. STARCK INC., its representatives or agents, any facts relating to said invention, inventions or improvements, including evidence for interference purposes or for other legal proceedings, whenever requested, testify in any interference or other legal proceedings, whenever requested; and execute and deliver, on request, all lawful papers required to make any of the foregoing provisions effective.

SIGNED AT 11:48 am, Wednesday, this  
17<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2005.

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