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COMBINED INVENTOR'S DECLARATION AND ASSIGNMENT

DECLARATION

The herein-identified application was made or authorized to be made by me.

I believe I am the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the application.

I hereby acknowledge that any willful false statement made in this declaration is punishable under 18 U.S.C. 1001 by fine or imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, or both.

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The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. attorney or agent appointed herein to accept and follow instructions from either his foreign patent agent or corporate representative, if any, as to any action to be taken in the Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorney or agent and the undersigned.

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **Dr. Joerg VETTER**, a resident of Bergisch Gladbach, GERMANY, whose mailing address is Am Milchborntalweg 85, 51469 Bergisch Gladbach, GERMANY, **Dr. Stefan ESSER**, a resident of Aachen, GERMANY, whose mailing address is Richtericher Strasse 80, 50072 Aachen, GERMANY, **Juergen MUELLER**, a resident of Olpe, GERMANY, whose mailing address is Koenigsbergerstrasse 4, 57462 Olpe, GERMANY, and **Georg ERKENS**, a resident of Aachen, GERMANY, whose mailing address is Zollernstrasse 57, 52070 Aachen, GERMANY, hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNORS, have invented a certain improvement relating to

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for which they have jointly executed an application for Letters Patent for the United States which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 24, 2014 and was awarded Application No. 14/163,650.

AND WHEREAS, SULZER METAPLAS GMBH, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of GERMANY, whose mailing address is Am Boettcherberg 30-38, 51427 Bergisch Gladbach, GERMANY, hereinafter known as the ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to said invention and application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues, reexaminations, and prolongations thereof.

NOW, THIS WITNESSETH that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, said ASSIGNORS hereby assign, sell and transfer to said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and application, for the United States including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor and all rights to sue for past and future infringement thereunder, said ASSIGNEE and its assigns and legal representatives to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said invention and application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, including any and all renewals, reissues, reexaminations, and prolongations thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges, and advantages in any ways arising from or pertaining thereto, for and during the term or terms of any and all such Letters Patent when granted, including any and all renewals, reissues, reexaminations, and prolongations thereof, for the use and benefit of said ASSIGNEE and its assigns and legal representatives in as ample and beneficial a manner to all intents and purposes as the said ASSIGNORS might or could have held and enjoyed the same, if this assignment had not been made.

AND said ASSIGNORS hereby agree to execute all papers necessary to file applications in the United States for said invention and to assign the same to said ASSIGNEE, or any assignee acquiring title to said invention, and to execute any other papers that may be needed in connection with filing said application and securing Letters Patent thereon.

AND said ASSIGNORS authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue Letters Patent on said application, and on any and all divisions and continuations thereof, to said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and legal representatives, in accordance herewith.

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