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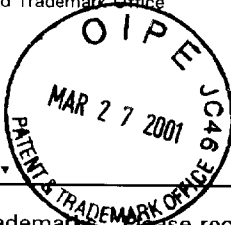
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Comerica Bank- California
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Individuals(s) Association
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 Corporation-State **California**
 Other _____

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)
Name: **VERTEQ, INC.**
Internal Address:
Street Address: **1241 East Dyer Road,**
Suite 100

City: **Santa Ana** State: **CA** ZIP: **92705**

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Execution Date: **March 22, 2000**

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

A. Patent Application No.(s)
See Exhibit A to the attached Release and Reassignment

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

B. Patent Registration No.(s)
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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:
Mr. Michael Wright
Name: **Buchalter, Nemer, Fields & Younger**
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6. Total number of applications and registrations involved: 15

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Signature

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EXHIBIT A
PATENTS

ASSIGNOR: VERTEQ, INC.

ASSIGNEE: COMERICA BANK CALIFORNIA

| PATENT | PATENT NUMBER/ | DATE ISSUED |
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| Semi-Conductor Wafer Processing Apparatus | 3,722,980 | November 20, 1973 |
| Pressure Limiting Device for Vehicular Brake Systems | 3,772,890 | November 20, 1973 |
| Megasonic Cleaning Apparatus | 4,869,278 | September 26, 1989 |
| Apparatus for Treating Wafers Utilizing Megasonic Energy | 4,854,337 | August 8, 1989 |
| Cleaning Apparatus | 4,804,007 | February 14, 1989 |
| Centrifugal Wafer Processor | 4,571,850 | February 25, 1986 |
| Method and Apparatus for Drying Semiconductor Wafers | 5,556,479 | September 17, 1996 |
| Continuous Flow Vapor Dryer System | 5,539,995 | July 30, 1996 |
| Megasonic Cleaning System | 5,534,076 | July 9, 1996 |
| Megasonic Transducer Assembly | 5,365,960 | November 22, 1994 |
| Single Wafer Megasonic Semiconductor Wafer Processing System | 5,286,657 | February 15, 1994 |
| Single Chamber Megasonic Energy Cleaner | 5,148,823 | September 22, 1992 |
| Single Wafer Megasonic Semiconductor Wafer Processing System | 5,090,432 | February 25, 1992 |
| Megasonic Cleaning Method | 5,037,481 | August 6, 1991 |
| Megasonic Cleaning Apparatus | 4,998,549 | March 12, 1991 |

RELEASE AND REASSIGNMENT OF
PATENTS AND PATENT APPLICATIONS

Reference is hereby made to that certain Intellectual Property Security Agreement, dated as of February 28, 1997, between Veriteq, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Assignor"), and Comerica Bank, California, ("Assignee"), which was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on June 19, 1997 at Reel 008574, Frame 0950 (the "Agreement") and pursuant to which the Assignor assigned and granted to Assignee a security interest in and to all of Assignor's right, title and interest in and to certain trademarks, including those trademarks specifically listed on Exhibit A attached hereto and the goodwill associated therewith; and

WHEREAS, Assignee wishes to release, retransfer and reassign to Assignor, without representation or warranty, all of Assignee's right, title and interest in and to the Pik-Nik Marks and the goodwill associated therewith;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignee hereby releases, retransfers and reassigns to Assignor, without representation or warranty, all of the Assignee's right, title and interest in and to the Pik-Nik Marks and the goodwill associated therewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignee has executed this Release and Reassignment of Registered Patents and Patent Applications as of this 22 day of March , 2001.

COMERICA BANK CALIFORNIA

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