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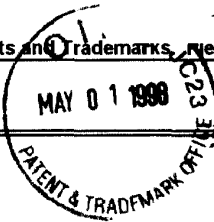
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(HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS ASSIGNOR), have
invented and own a certain invention
entitled:

CHANNEL COUNTER AND METHOD OF CONTROLLING AN
OPTICAL OUTPUT LEVEL WITH THE SAME

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WHEREAS

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