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its successors, assigns and legal representatives (hereinafter called the "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest, for the United States, in and to certain inventions relating to

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and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed by us on February 12, 1998

and which has been accorded Application No. 09/022,979

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