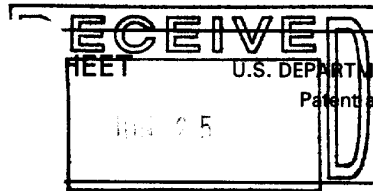


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WHEREAS, **ALEXANDER BINZEL GMBH & Co. KG** a corporation of the country of **GERMANY**, having a place of business at **KIESACKER 7-9, D-35418 BUSECK, GERMANY** (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

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