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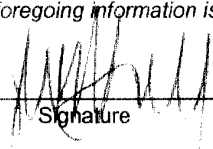
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hereby sell, assign and transfer unto Samson Aktiengesellschaft, Weismuellerstrasse 3, D60314 Frankfurt, Germany, a German corporation, the whole right, title and interest in and to a certain invention or improvement in

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