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Serial Number: 09/073,806

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for which the inventors have made the above identified application for letters patent of the United States, which application was duly executed on the date indicated below next to each inventor's name;

Whereas, the below named inventors, Steffen Clauss and Steffen Budach were employed primarily in the Federal Republic of Germany, respectively, by Deere & Company, a Delaware corporation having its principal office at Moline, Illinois, and Technische Universitat Dresden at the time the invention was made.

Whereas, said invention is considered an employee invention under the German law relating to inventions of employees; and,

Whereas, Deere & Company and Technische Universitat Dresden have laid unlimited claim to said invention and thus, under the German law relating to inventions of employees; the entire right, title and interest which said below named inventors Steffen Clauss and Steffen Budach have or may have in and to said invention has been automatically assigned, respectively, to Deere & Company and Technische Universitat Dresden.

Whereas, by agreements dated 27th February 1995 and 5th May 1997, Technische Universitat Dresden has conveyed its rights to the invention to Deere & Company, a Delaware corporation having its principal office at Moline, Illinois;

Now, therefore, in recognition of and confirming the foregoing the inventors have and hereby do assign to Deere & Company the entire right, title and interest which said inventors have or may have to the Invention.

The assigned rights include all rights to file US and foreign patent applications for the Invention described in the name of each inventor or Deere & Company, as well as any right of priority to any letters patent of the United States or any other country that may be granted for the Invention, and any continuations, divisions or extensions thereof. These assigned rights are to be held and enjoyed by Deere & Company, its successors or assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the inventor had this assignment not been made.

The inventors agree to execute all papers which Deere & Company, its successors or assigns deem expedient in connection with the Application and any continuing, divisional, reissue, reexamination or foreign applications concerning the Invention, and to cooperate with Deere & Company, its successors or assigns in every proper way possible to obtain patent(s) based on the Application and any continuing, divisional, reissue, reexamination or foreign applications concerning the Invention.

The inventors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent based on the assigned rights to Deere & Company.

In witness whereof, each inventor has signed below:

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