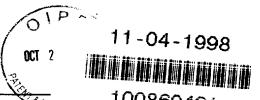
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for which ASSIGNORS have made application for Letters Patent in the United States of America, such invention being described and identified by said application identified as Application No. 09/154,286, filed September 16, 1998; and

WHEREAS, CATERPILLAR INC., a Delaware corporation having a place of business at Peoria, State of Illinois, United States of America, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any Letters Patent granted thereon by the United States of America and any foreign country;

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