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WHEREAS, VIANOVA RESINS GMBH, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany, having its principal place of business at Boelckestrasse 26, D-55252 Mainz-Kastel, Federal Republic of Germany (hereinafter "VIANOVA") desires an assignment of all rights to said patent application;

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