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ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, we, John W. Finger, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 1170 Sunset Drive West, Beresford, South Dakota, 57004, and Arden L. Larson, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 4300 South Birchwood Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, 57104, have made an invention in

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for which we have executed a utility application for Letters Patent of the United States of America based on our said invention (hereinafter said application executed today is called "said utility application" and labeled Attorney Docket No. 97-2515);

Now, therefore, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, we have agreed to assign and transfer and do hereby assign and transfer unto

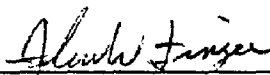
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(hereinafter called "Company"), a corporation of South Dakota having its principal office at One Sioux Plaza, Beresford, South Dakota, 57004-1500, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention and said utility application, and in and to any division or continuation or continuation-in-part of said utility application, and in and to any and all improvements in the said invention made by us jointly, or any of us alone or jointly with others, and in and to any and all Letters Patent and reissues and extensions thereof of the United States of America and countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent in Foreign countries in its own name and to claim any and all priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are or may be entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise) which have been or may be granted on said utility application or on any divisional, continuation (in whole or in part), renewal, reissue or other or further application based in whole or in part upon the said invention or improvements thereon, to be held and enjoyed by said Company as fully and exclusively as they would have been by us had this assignment and transfer not been made;


We further agree for ourselves and for our heirs, executors and administrators, to execute and deliver without further consideration any further applications, assignments and documents, and to perform such other lawful acts, that may be deemed necessary by the aforesaid Company, its successors, assigns and nominees, fully to secure its interest as aforesaid and to obtain or maintain Letters Patent in any and all countries;

And we do hereby authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any and all patents as may be granted upon any of the aforesaid applications to the aforesaid Company, as the assignee of the entire interest therein.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto signed our names on the day and year set forth below.



John W. Finger



Arden L. Larson

STATE OF South Dakota)
COUNTY OF Union) SS

On this 23rd day of June, 1998, before me personally appeared the above-named Jack W. Finger and Arden L. Larson, both personally known to me, and known by me to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed, on the day and year aforesaid.

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