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Whereas, PONT-A-MOUSSON, 91 Avenue de la Liberation, 54000 Nancy, France (Assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;


Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

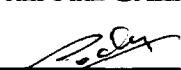
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