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(Insert ASSIGNEE's Name(s) Address(es))

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 (hereinafter ASSIGNEE), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEE the entire and exclusive right, title and interest to the invention entitled

(Title of Invention)

FLUID CONTROL APPARATUS

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