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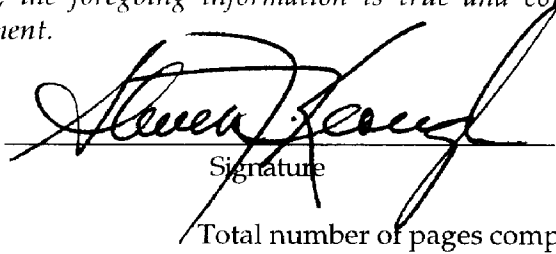
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Whereas, Ergodyne Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and having its principal offices at Suite One, 1410 Energy Park Drive, Saint Paul, MN 55108, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

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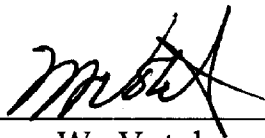
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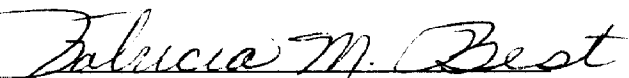
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