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AND WHEREAS SMITHS INDUSTRIES PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY, a company organized under the laws of Great Britain, located and doing business at 765 Finchley Road, London, NW11 8DS, England (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring an interest in said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in any and all reissues, divisions, continuations, substitutions and renewals thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged I, CHRISTOPHE VAN LANDUYT, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, substitutions, renewals and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said U.S. application.

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