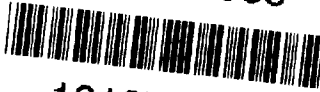


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Advanced Bypass Technologies, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having a principal place of business at 1787 Verdite Street, Livermore, CA 94550, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the Application and the invention disclosed therein (Invention), and any and all United States and foreign patents that may be granted on said Invention;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, we, Russell A. Houser, James G. Wayne, and Sidney D. Fleischman, have sold, assigned and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Advanced Bypass Technologies, Inc., its successors and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in and to said Invention, said Application, any applications for patent in the United States or in foreign countries asserting priority based on the filing date of said Application, and any and all United States and foreign patents that may be granted on said Invention.

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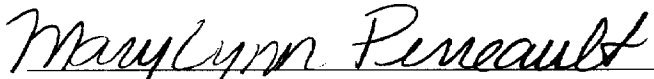
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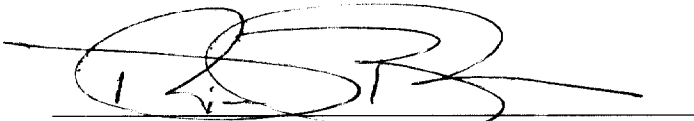


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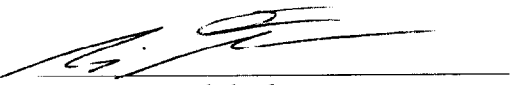


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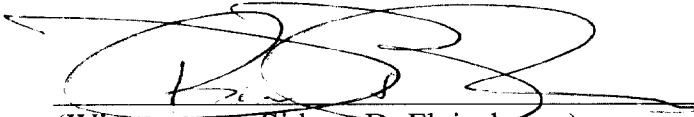


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