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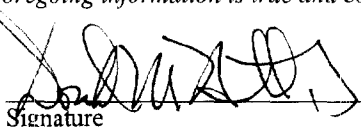


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(hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), have invented and own a certain invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

Welding apparatus and welding method, particularly resistance welding method

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Ser.No. 08/936,594 has been  
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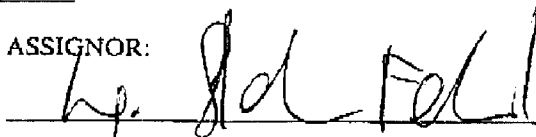
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