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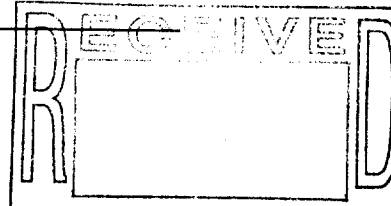
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WHEREAS, Gerard P. McNally, 646 West Valley RD, Strafford, PA 19087, Tom S. Ells, 313 Powder Horn RD, Fort Washington, PA 19034, Joseph R. Luber, 750 East Cherry RD, Quakertown, PA 18951 (hereinafter called "Assignors"), have made certain new and useful inventions or discoveries relating to

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for which they have this day executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, McNeil-PPC-Inc., a corporation of the State of New Jersey, (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring Assignors' entire right, title, and interest therein:

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