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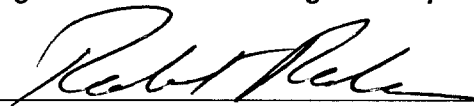
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which is set forth in an application in the United States executed on even date herewith:


AND WHEREAS, **GKN Automotive AG**, (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), of **Hauptstraße 150, D-53797 Lohmar, Germany**, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

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Seeshofen, Germany, this 20 day of April, 1999.


Stephan Maucher

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