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2. ___ residing at ___ and a citizen of ___;
3. ___ residing at ___ and a citizen of ___;

Date Patent Declaration
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(herein called "THE UNDERSIGNED") have made an invention and have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on August 31, 1999 _____ for this invention, which application is entitled BEVERAGE PREPARER, IN PARTICULAR COFFEE MACHINE and which has been given Serial Number _____ and the filing date of August 31, 1999;

Name of Corporation

AND WHEREAS PALUX AG (herein called "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized under the laws of Germany, and having an office and place of business at Buchener Strasse 15; 97980 Bad Mergentheim, Germany

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