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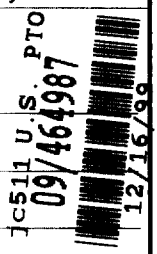
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Inventor or Inventors: **James R. Rigby**

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UNDERSIGNED agree(s) upon the request of ASSIGNEE to execute any and all applications for United States patent for said invention, discovery or improvement, and any continuations of such applications or substitutes therefor, and any lawful oaths, affidavits, or other papers relating thereto, and any specific separate assignments of any of the above required for recording in the United States Patent Office, that ASSIGNEE may deem necessary or expedient.

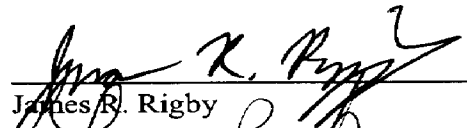
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James R. Rigby


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