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INK TANK, CARTRIDGE INCLUDING THE INK  
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and interest, for the United States, in and to certain inventions relating to

INK TANK, CARTRIDGE INCLUDING THE INK TANK, AND  
PRINTING APPARATUS USING THE CARTRIDGE

and described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed by us on October 25, 1999  
and which has been accorded Application No. 09/425,013

and in and to said application, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent  
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