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has/have invented certain new and useful improvements in:

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for which I/we intend to make application for Letters Patent of the United States listing the following as inventors:


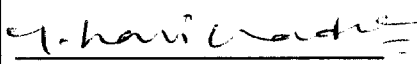
**Gopichandra Surnilla**

**David Bidner**; and

WHEREAS, FORD MOTOR COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal place of business at Dearborn, County of Wayne, and State of Michigan, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to my employment agreement heretofore made with FORD MOTOR COMPANY, or by my contractual obligation, I do sell, assign and transfer unto FORD MOTOR COMPANY the full and exclusive right for the United States of America and for all foreign countries to the said invention, as described in the specification executed by me on the date listed below, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor (and I hereby authorize my attorneys to insert the serial number and filing date herein:

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