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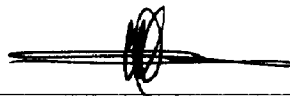
WHEREAS, Vortex International, LLC, a Minnesota corporation, having a principal place of business at 806 West Pioneer Parkway, Peoria, Illinois 61615, is desirous of acquiring an interest in and to said invention, and in and to the Letters Patent that issues thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Known, that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the undersigned, the entire right, title and interest of said Gerald F. Smith in and to said application for United States Letters Patent, and the invention disclosed and claimed therein, the resultant patent or patents for said invention, and any renewals, reissues, extensions, substitutions, continuations or divisions thereof, continuations-in-part thereof, including all rights to apply for and obtain patents therefore in all foreign countries, is hereby sold, assigned and transferred unto said Vortex International, LLC.

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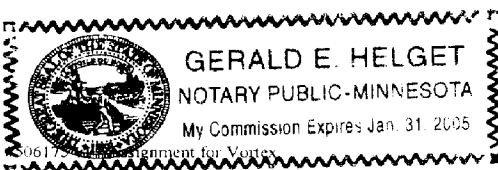
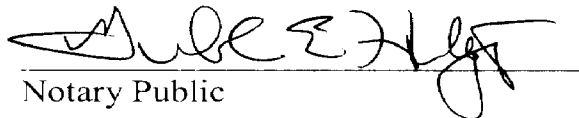
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