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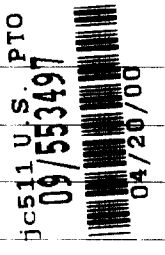
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**Assignment of Rights in Invention
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CONNECTOR INCLUDING A RELEASABLE CONTACT ENGAGING LATCH

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And, whereas I desire to assign a 100% undivided interest in said Invention, said application disclosing the Invention and any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor to the above-identified Assignee, and whereas said Assignee is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the same;

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