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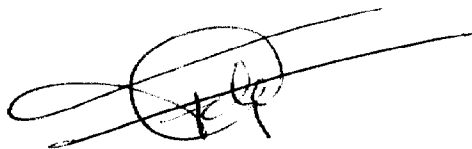
For valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, we **ALEXANDER VAN DER LELY, KAREL VAN DEN BERG, FRANCISCUS JOHANNES ADRIANUS DE GROEN and WILLEM ABRAHAM FRANS VAN DER WEELE**, hereby sell, assign and transfer unto **MAASLAND N.V., a Dutch limited liability company of 10 Weverskade, 3155 PD Maasland, the Netherlands** the entire right, title and interest in and to our application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial no. To Be Assigned filed and relating to **AN IMPLEMENT FOR AUTOMATICALLY MILKING ANIMALS, SUCH AS COWS** and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all our inventions, whether joint or sole, disclosed in said Serial no. To Be Assigned

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