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WHEREAS: **Rüdiger Nitzschke, Fischerstraße 17/2, 88080 Langenargen, Federal Republic of Germany**  
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Name(s) and  
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(hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), have invented and own a certain invention entitled:  
**12-SPEED GEARBOX FOR UTILITY VEHICLES**

Title of  
Invention

for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been executed on even date herewith

AND WHEREAS: ZF FRIEDRICHSHAFEN AG  
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 Federal Republic of Germany

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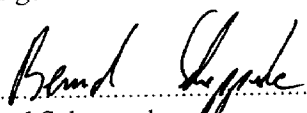
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