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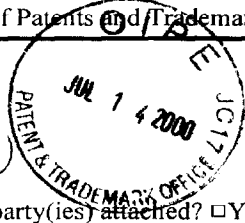
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WHEREAS, UGINE SA of Immeuble La Pacific, 11-13 Cours Valmy, La Défense 7, 92800 Puteaux, France, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Country of France (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring right, title and interest in and to said Letters Patent;

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