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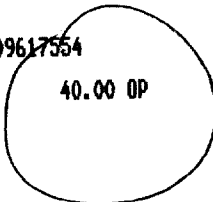
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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by each of the Undersigned, each of the Undersigned hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, their entire right, title and interest in and to said invention or inventions, as described in the aforesaid application and all applications resulting therefrom, including any and all divisionals, continuations, continuations in part, substitute application, and reissues or extensions thereof; and all resulting patents;

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