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FRONIUS Schweißmaschinen KG. Austria
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(hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), have invented and own
a certain invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

"WELDING TORCH WITH A CONTACT SOCKET AND A FEED DEVICE"

DOCKET NO. OR SERIAL
NO. AND DATE OF
EXECUTION OF
APPLICATION

for which application for United States Letters Patent identified as
09/171 998, filed October 30, 1998 has been
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WHEREAS:

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(hereinafter referred to as „ASSIGNEE“), has equitable rights in
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