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(2) **Amir Farrahi** of **Peekskill**
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have invented certain improvements in

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**METHOD FOR PROPAGATING SWITCHING ACTIVITY INFORMATION
IN DIGITAL COMBINATORIAL NETWORKS**

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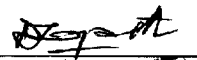
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(1) at _____
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