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- (1) Donald Ray Gillis
- (2) Bernd Lamberts
- (3) Kris Victor Schouterden

2. Name and address of receiving party:

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County of Santa Clara
and (3) Kris Victor Schouterden
County of Santa Clara

of San Jose,
and State of California
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have invented certain improvements in

TITLE METHOD FOR CONTROLLING AIR PRESSURE IN AN EVACUATED DISK DRIVE

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INVENTORS
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(1) 11/17/00, , (2) 11/17/00, , (3) 11/17/00, ,

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