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WATER TANK WITH FILTER CARTRIDGE

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The undersigned, whose title is supplied below, is empowered to sign this statement and consent on behalf of the assignee.

May 2nd, 2000
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