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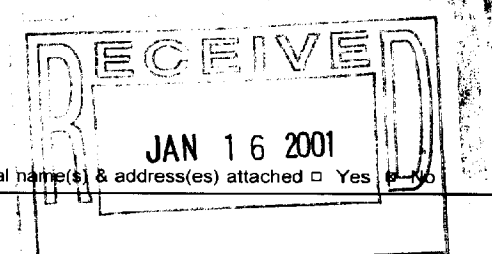
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for which the inventor(s) is (are) about to make application for letters patent of the United States, which application was duly executed on the date(s) indicated below next to each inventor's name;

The inventors Jean Boucher and Roger Franet are employed by JOHN DEERE S.A. under the terms of French law and the invention is a service invention, the rights in which belong automatically to the employer. By virtue of the Agreement dated 25 October 1999 in its presently valid form between JOHN DEERE S.A. and DEERE & COMPANY, Moline, Ill., latter is entitled to the rights in this invention.

The inventors Matthew Mentzer and Larry Smith are employed by DEERE & COMPANY under the terms of US law and at the time of the invention, were transferred to a European unit for a certain period of time. DEERE & COMPANY obtained the rights under the terms of the inventors' employment agreement and their assignment of 20 October 1999 (Matthew Mentzer) and 21 October 1999 (Larry Smith).

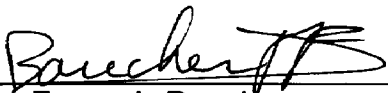
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Each inventor agrees to execute all papers which Deere & Company, its successors or assigns deem expedient in connection with the Application and any continuing, divisional, reissue, reexamination or foreign applications concerning the Invention, and to cooperate with Deere & Company, its successors or assigns in every proper way possible to obtain patent(s) based on the Application and any continuing, divisional, reissue, reexamination or foreign applications concerning the Invention.

Each inventor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent based on the assigned rights to Deere & Company.

In witness whereof, each inventor has signed below:



Jean Francois Boucher

Date signed
application
declaration 17 NOV 2000

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Witness Jean-Loup CHASSIBOUD  Date 17 Nov. 2000

Witness CHANT Pascal  Date _____

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Roger Franet

Witness Heidi Ann Leung _____ Date 20 Nov 2000

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