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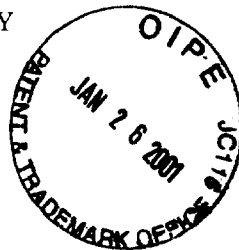
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Whereas, SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT, Wittelsbacherplatz 2, 80333 Munich, Germany (assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

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