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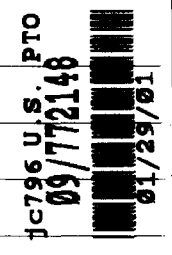
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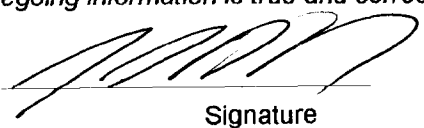
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Xinhui Niu

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Nickhil H. Jakatdar (Signature)  
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