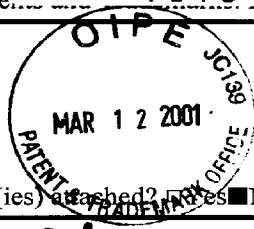




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WHEREAS, UGINE-SAVOIE IMPHY of Avenue Paul Girod, 73400 Ugine, France, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Country of France (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring right, title and interest in and to said application for letters patent;

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