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hereby sell, assign and transfer unto Siemens Aktiengesellschaft, Wittelsbacherplatz 2, 80333 Muenchen, Germany, a German corporation, the whole right, title and interest in and to a certain invention or improvement in

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disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, prepared by the firm of Schiff Hardin & Waite, Patent Department of Chicago, Illinois, said application being identified in the office records of said firm as Case No. **P00,1941** and in our own records as Case No. **1999 P0 5825 US**, and in the records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as application Serial No. **09/736,763** filed **December 13, 2000**, and in and to the United States Letters Patent therefor, when issued, together with all improvements thereon and betterments thereof, all divisions, continuations and reissues thereof and substitutions of or for said application, and all rights and privileges under the Letters Patent that may be granted therefor, including the right to claim the benefit of an earlier filing date for the same invention in a foreign country.

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