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WHEREAS, STMicroelectronics S.r.l. (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation of the country of Italy having a place of business at Via C. Olivetti, 2, I-20041 Agrate Brianza, Italy, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to any letters patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all countries of the world;

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