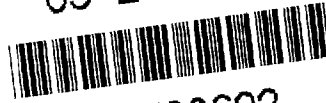


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WHEREAS, we the undersigned, Umberto MARIOTTI
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_____;
have invented a certain new and useful invention entitled _____
CASING FOR CENTRIFUGAL COMPRESSORS AND METHOD FOR THE MANUFACTURE THEREOF
_____ ; and

WHEREAS, NUOVO PIGNONE HOLDING S.p.A.,
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entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any and
all Letters Patent of the United States and Letters Patent in any and
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April 2, 2001

Date

Umberto Mariotti

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Date