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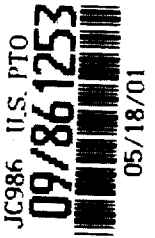
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have invented certain improvements in **CONTACT PLUG FORMATION FOR DEVICES WITH STACKED CAPACITORS** and executed a United States patent application therefor on: (dates that Inventors signed the declaration)

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