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have made an invention for

**DIFFERENTIAL INPUT CIRCUIT FOR DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING SYSTEM**

described in the application filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 5, 2001 as Serial No. 09/786,536 which claims priority to German Patent Application No. 198 40 443.3, filed September 4, 1998 and to International Application No. PCT/DE99/02757 filed September 1, 1999; and; and

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5.7.2001  
Date

Franz Kuttner  
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