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for which the inventor(s) is (are) about to make application for letters patent of the United States, which application was duly executed on the date(s) indicated below next to each inventor's name;

The inventors David Beaufort, Damien Faivre and Heinrich Tepe are employed by JOHN DEERE S.A. under the terms of French law and the invention is a service invention, the rights in which belong automatically to the employer. By virtue of the Agreement dated 25 October 1999 in its presently valid form between JOHN DEERE S.A. and DEERE & COMPANY, Moline, Ill., latter is entitled to the rights in this invention.

The inventor Matthew Mentzer is employed by DEERE & COMPANY under the terms of US law and at the time of the invention, was transferred to a European unit for a certain period of time. DEERE & COMPANY obtained the rights under the terms of the inventors' employment agreement and his assignment of 14 June 2000.

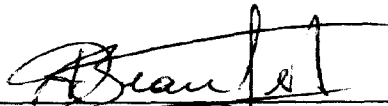
Now, therefore, in recognition of and confirming the foregoing each inventor has and hereby does assign to Deere & Company the entire right, title and interest which said inventor has or may have to the Invention.

The assigned rights include all rights to file US and foreign patent applications for the Invention described in the name of each inventor or Deere & Company, as well as any right of priority to any letters patent of the United States or any other country that may be granted for the Invention, and any continuations, divisions or extensions thereof. These assigned rights are to be held and enjoyed by Deere & Company, its successors or assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by each inventor had this assignment not been made.

Each inventor agrees to execute all papers which Deere & Company, its successors or assigns deem expedient in connection with the Application and any continuing, divisional, reissue, reexamination or foreign applications concerning the Invention, and to cooperate with Deere & Company, its successors or assigns in every proper way possible to obtain patent(s) based on the Application and any continuing, divisional, reissue, reexamination or foreign applications concerning the Invention.

Each inventor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent based on the assigned rights to Deere & Company.


In witness whereof, each inventor has signed below:

  
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Sworn to before me this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2001.

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