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who have made a certain new and useful invention, hereby sell, assign and transfer unto

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SIGNED on the dates indicated aside our signatures:

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