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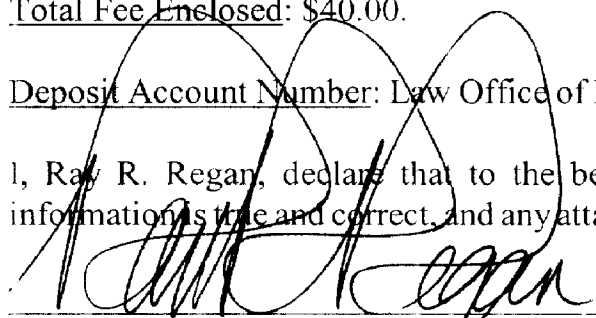
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**ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTIONS,
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from

Jun Zhao and Fritz S. Allen

to

New Chromex, Inc., a California corporation

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Name: Jun Zhao

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged and sworn to before me this 28th day of August, 2001, by Jun Zhao, a married man.

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