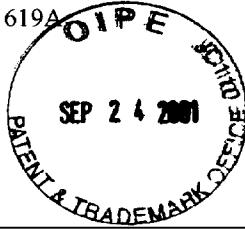


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is desirous of acquiring an interest in said invention, said application and the Letters Patent to be issued therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR to each in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and set over, and do hereby sell, assign and set over to said corporation, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest to and in said invention in the United States and in all foreign countries, said United States application for Letters Patent therefor and the Letters Patent when issued; and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks to issue the Letters Patent based upon said application to said corporation as the assignees of our entire right, title and interest to and in the same, for the sole use and behoof of said corporation, its successors or assigns.

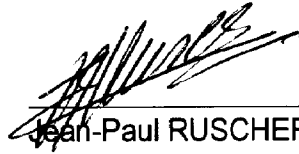
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