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The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said **NEFF CO TECHNOLOGIES**.

For said considerations the undersigned hereby agrees, upon the request, and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional continuation and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and for the said

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