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which was filed 31 August 2001, assigned serial number 09/945,421 and which the inventor has executed on the date indicated below next to the inventor's name.

Whereas, the inventor is employed under the terms of German law by SABO Maschinenfabrik GmbH (hereinafter SABO), a German subsidiary of Deere & Company having a principal place of business at Auf dem Hochsten 22, Gummersbach, 51645 Germany. Based on the German law on employee inventions, SABO laid claim on the invention and became the owner of any rights in it.

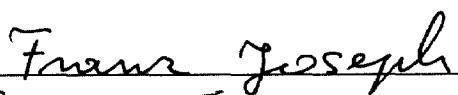

Now, therefore, in recognition of and confirming the foregoing the inventor has and hereby does assign to SABO the entire right, title and interest which said inventor has or may have to the Invention.

The assigned rights include all rights to file US and foreign patent applications for the Invention described in the name of the inventor or SABO, 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 SABO, its successors or assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the inventor had this assignment not been made.

The inventor agrees to execute all papers which SABO, 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 SABO, 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.

The inventor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent based on the assigned rights to SABO.

In witness whereof, the inventor has signed below:

<p><u>Franz Joseph</u>            Franz Joseph</p>	<p>Date signed          application          declaration <u>01.10.2001</u></p>
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