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have invented and own a certain invention entitled:

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for which application for Letters Patent of the United States was filed as U.S. Serial No. 09/868,554 on 06/14/2001; and

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