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for which the inventor(s) is (are) about to make application for letters patent of the United States, which application was duly executed on the date(s) indicated below next to each inventor's name;

Whereas, each of the below named inventor(s) was employed primarily in the Federal Republic of Germany at the time the invention was made, by Deere & Company, a Delaware corporation having its principal office at Moline, Illinois;

Whereas, said invention is considered an employee invention under the German law relating to inventions of employees; and,

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