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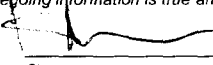
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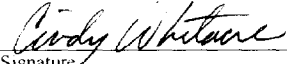
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for which the inventor(s) is (are) about to make application for letters patent of the United States, which application was duly executed on the date(s) indicated below next to each inventor's name;

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,

Whereas, Deere & Company has laid unlimited claim to said invention and thus, under the German law relating to inventions of employees, the entire right, title and interest which each of the below named inventor(s) has or may have in and to said invention has been automatically assigned to Deere & Company.

Now, therefore, in recognition of and confirming the foregoing each inventor has and hereby does assign to Deere & Company 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 each inventor or Deere & Company, 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 Deere & Company, its successors or assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by each inventor had this assignment not been made.

Each inventor agrees to execute all papers which Deere & Company, 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 Deere & Company, 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.

Each inventor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent based on the assigned rights to Deere & Company.

In witness whereof, each inventor has signed below:

Dr. Martin Büermann

Date signed
application
declaration _____

Walter Hirsch

Walter Hirsch

Date signed
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Witness *F. Hermann Reißner*

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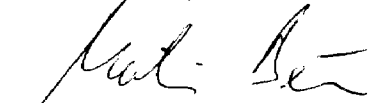
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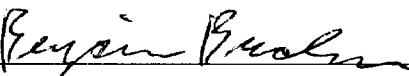
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Whereas, each of the below named inventor(s) was employed primarily in the Federal Republic of Germany at the time the invention was made, while employed by Technische Universität Dresden. Based on an agreement dated May 1997 between John Deere Werke Zweibrücken and Technische Universität Dresden the rights in any invention made under the terms of this agreement belong to DEERE & COMPANY.

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