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Pioneer Corporation

having the address:

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(hereinafter designated as the "ASSIGNEE") the entire right, title, and interest for the United States and all foreign countries (including protection in foreign countries via the Patent Cooperation Treaty), in the invention, and all applications for patent and any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor, the application being known by the Title:

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2. The undersigned agree to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared concerning this application or continuation or division thereof and to cooperate with the ASSIGNEE in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference.

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In witness whereof, executed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite the undersigned names.

The undersigned hereby authorize the firm of

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