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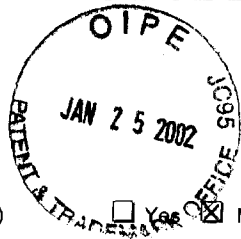
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Matthew Craig Williams  
have made an invention entitled A STEERING COLUMN ASSEMBLY FOR A VEHICLE

for which I/We have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on  
November 1 & 4, (date) or filed an application for Letters Patent of the United States  
on 2001 (date) under Application No. \_\_\_\_\_; and


WHEREAS, NSK Steering Systems Europe Limited  
("ASSIGNEE"), a citizen of \_\_\_\_\_ or a corporation or  
other business entity duly organized under the laws of the United Kingdom  
whose postal address is Mere Way, Ruddington, Nottingham,  
Nottinghamshire NG11 6JZ, United Kingdom  
desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the United States in and to the invention, the  
application, and any Letters Patent of the United States to be granted for the invention;

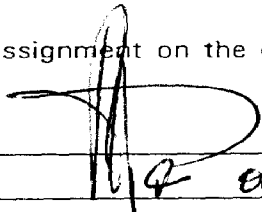
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) paid to me/us by ASSIGNEE, and  
other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which I/We acknowledge,  
I/We, have sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set  
over unto ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, the entire right, title, and  
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and all Letters Patent of the United States that may be granted thereon, and all reissues thereof;  
and I/We authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Letters  
Patent for the invention to ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns in  
accordance with the terms of this Assignment;

AND I/We covenant and agree that I/We have the full right to convey the entire right, title,  
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