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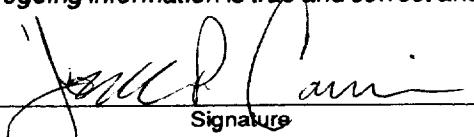
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, respectively, its successors, assigns or nominees, hereinafter referred to as "Assignee", the entire right, title and interest in and to an invention entitled:

LASER OSCILLATOR AND LIGHT SCATTERING TYPE PARTICLE DETECTOR USING THE SAME

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