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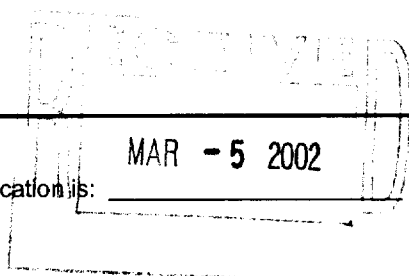
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Roland Gehring of Lindenmatte 38, D-79215 Elzach-Prechtal, Germany, WHEREAS, Jürgen Reichenbach of Fritz-Böhle-Str. 32, D-79312 Emmendingen, Germany Reinhold Kilian of Über dem Wäldele 4, D-79183 Waldkirch, Germany hereinafter referred to as "Assignor", is/are the inventor(s) of the invention described and set forth in the below identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of the Invention: An apparatus and a method for the identification of codes

Date(s) of execution: 10/09/01; 10/10/01; 10/15/01

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WHEREAS Sick AG located at Sebastian-Kneipp-Straße 1, D-79183 Waldkirch, Germany hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring ASSIGNOR'S interest in the said invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent which may be granted on the same;

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