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HITCH SYSTEM WITH SYNCHRONIZED CYLINDERS

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.

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Whereas Inventor Heinz Weiss is employed by a German subsidiary of Deere & Company under the terms of German law and based on the German law on employee inventions, Deere & Company laid claim on the invention and became the owner of any rights in it.

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In witness whereof, each inventor has signed below:

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