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WHEREAS, Kilian Saueressig, residing at Gutenbergstrasse 1-3, D-48691 Vreden, Germany, (hereinafter "Assignor") has invented certain new and useful improvements in

EXPANDABLE LAYER MADE OF COMPRESSIBLE MATERIAL

for a full description of which, reference is here made to an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America

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WHEREAS, SAUERESSIG GMBH & CO., a German corporation having its principal office and place of business at Gutenbergstrasse 1-3, 48691 Vreden, Germany (hereinafter "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under said invention and application above identified, and in, to, and under any Letters Patent that may be obtained for said invention, together with all foreign rights corresponding thereto, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

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