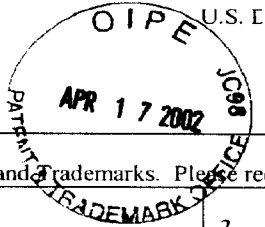


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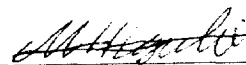
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NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, ASSIGNOR, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and application throughout the United States of America, including any and all United States Letters Patent granted on any division, continuation, continuation-in-part and reissue of said application; and the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention throughout the world, including the right to apply for patents and inventor certificates in respect thereof and to claim priority pursuant to rights accorded ASSIGNOR under the terms of the Paris International Convention and all other available international conventions and treaties; and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents, patents of addition, utility models, patents of importation, revalidation patents and inventor certificates which may be granted throughout the world in respect of said invention.

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