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Where as Inventors Dr. Nicolai Tarasinski and Heinz Weiss are 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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