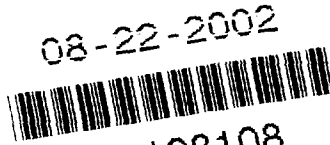


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WHEREAS, Hans Sasserath & Co KG, a company organized and existing under the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany, having a principal office and place of business at Mühlenstraße 62, D -41352 Korschenbroich, Germany, hereinafter called the "Assignee", is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, the application above identified, and in, to and under any Letters Patent which may be obtained for said invention, as hereinafter more fully set forth;

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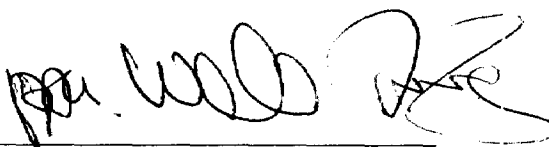
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