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In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned,

Name(s) of Inventor(s) Steven A. DIXON  
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maker(s) of an invention which is the subject of an application for Letters Patent of the United States ("Application") entitled

Title of Application LOAD CELL APPARATUS HAVING A GAP MEASURING DEVICE

the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s), and set(s) over to

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Acknowledged before me, a Notary Public, within and for said County and State. Witness my hand and Notarial Seal  
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Elaine Kessen  
Notary Public

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