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(the Assignee) their entire right, title and interest

check applicable box(es) for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100),
 and throughout the World,

in the invention(s) known as Retaining Mechanism for Transmission Gears

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