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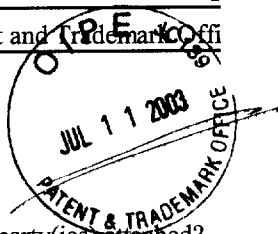
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its successors, assigns and legal representatives (hereinafter called the "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest, for the United States in and to certain inventions relating to

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