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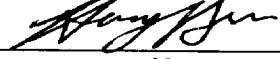
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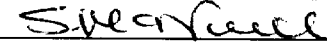
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In witness whereof, executed by the undersigned on the date(s) opposite the undersigned signature(s).

Date 7th July 2003 Signature of inventor (
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