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Whereas, we,

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County of Travis and State of Texas

and

(2) Peter Y. Hsu of Austin
County of Travis and State of Texas

have invented certain improvements in

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and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefore on
(Dates Inventors Signed Declaration) (1) August 29, 2003, and
(2) Aug 29, 2003.

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(1) Signed at Austin TX on August 29, 2003.

Jimmy Ming-Der Hsu
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