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Whereas, **BRACCO IMAGING S.p.A.** An Italian corporation having a principal place of business at Via E. Folli 50 - MILANO, Italy (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in to said patent;

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