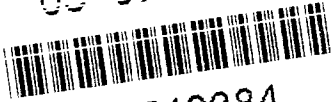


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WHEREAS, I, **Jian Q. Yao**, residing at **2168 S. Paxton Dr., Warsaw, Indiana 46580**, have invented certain improvements entitled:

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described and claimed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America thereon, said application having been **filed contemporaneously herewith** and having been **executed by me contemporaneously herewith**;

WHEREAS, **Zimmer Technology, Inc.**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of **Illinois**, having a place of business at **150 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1200, Chicago, Illinois 60606**, is to acquire my entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said application for Letters Patent;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby assign, sell, transfer and set over unto said **Zimmer Technology, Inc.**, its successors and assigns, the full, entire and exclusive right, title and interest, for the territory of the United States of America, Canada and for all other foreign countries, in and to said invention, as described in the application identified above, and in and to said application and any utility patent applications, divisions or continuations or continuations-in-part of this application and of any utility patent applications filed thereon or substitutes therefor which may be filed, and in and to any patents or reissues, renewals or extensions thereof (collectively, the "Application") which may be granted on said Application or for said invention, and in and to any patent application which may be filed on said invention in countries foreign to the United States of America and any patents granted thereon; said invention, Applications, and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by said **Zimmer Technology, Inc.**, and its successors or assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment not been made.

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