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 _____, _____ and
 _____, respectively. We Assignors have invented certain inventions described in a United States Patent Application entitled:

METHOD OF CONTROLLING A DRYING APPARATUS FOR A PRINTING PRESS, DRYING APPARATUS AND PRINTING PRESS

(the "Application") and executed concurrently herewith; or filed on _____ as Application No. _____ (the "Inventions"). We Assignors authorize the Assignee, identified below, or its representatives to insert the filing date and application number of the Application when known.

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