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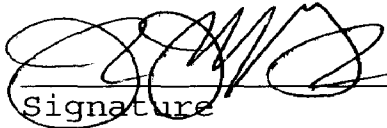
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AND, WHEREAS, ZF Lemförder Metallwaren AG, located and doing business at: Dr.-Jürgen-Ulderup-Strasse 7, 32351 Stemwede-Dielingen, GERMANY (hereinafter referred to as Assignee) is desirous of acquiring an interest herein and in the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor from the United States;

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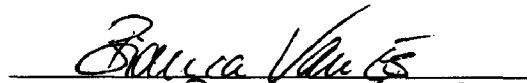
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