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Whereas, we

- (1) Aaron R. Cox of Tucson, County of Pima and State of Arizona, and
- (2) Richard V. Kisley of Tucson, County of Pima and State of Arizona,
and
- (3) Gregg S. Lucas of Tucson, County of Pima and State of Arizona

have invented certain improvements in

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRACKING AND MONITORING STATUS OF DATA STORAGE SUBSYSTEM COMPONENTS

and executed, respectively, a United States patent application therefor on

- (1) 12/17, 2004
- (2) December 17, 2004
- (3) 12/17, 2004

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(1) at Tucson
on 12/17, 2004, Aaron R. Cox
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on December 17, 2004, Richard V. Kisley
Richard V. Kisley

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