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**SILICON NANOPARTICLE NANOTUBES
AND METHOD FOR MAKING THE SAME**

for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been filed on June 9, 2004, 2004, and accorded Serial No. 10/864,072;

WHEREAS, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, a not-for-profit corporation of the State of Illinois having a place of business at 352 Henry Administration Building, 506 South Wright Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and any United States Letters Patent to be obtained therefor:

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

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Date July 8/04

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