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In consideration of One Dollar and other goods and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned inventor, or each inventor if more than one, hereby assigns to

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its successors and assigns (hereinafter called "said assignee"), the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, entitled,

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executed by the undersigned on the 18th day of August 2003, and in said application and any and all other applications for United States Letters Patent, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Patent to said assignee.

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For said consideration, the undersigned hereby agrees, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, to execute any divisional, continuation or substitute application for said invention or improvements, and any oath, declaration or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned herein becoming involved in Interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof. The undersigned agrees to perform, upon request, any affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent of the United States and vest in said assignee all rights therein, whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by said assignee, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same should have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment had not been made.

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