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David W. Hickey  
Michael Bajc  
Craig A. Sutton

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?

☐ YES ☒ NO

## 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Deere & Company  
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☐ YES ☒ NO

## 3. Nature of conveyance:

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**ASSIGNMENT OF U.S. PATENT APPLICATION**  
(sole or joint inventor(s))

WHEREAS, the undersigned, to wit:

- 1) David W. Hickey
- 2) Michael Bajc
- 3) Craig A. Sutton

(hereinafter collectively ASSIGNOR), have made application for United States Letters Patent

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ which was executed and is being filed herewith in the United States Patent and Trademark Office
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ which was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and titled \_\_\_\_\_
- (c)   X   which was filed on January 6, 2005 and known as Appln. No. 11/031,330, titled VARIETY LOCATOR

AND WHEREAS, Deere & Company (hereinafter ASSIGNEE), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, and having its principal place of business at Deere & Company World Headquarters, One John Deere Place, Moline, IL, 61265, is desirous of acquiring our entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, and in and to the said application and any Patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives its entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to said application and all patents which may be granted therefore, and all divisions, reissues, substitutions, continuations, continuations-in-part and extensions thereof; and ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents for said invention, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as ASSIGNOR's interest is concerned, to the said ASSIGNEE of ASSIGNOR's entire right, title and interest.

ASSIGNOR also hereby sells and assigns to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives the full and exclusive rights, title and interest to the invention disclosed in said application throughout the world, including the right to file applications and obtain patents, utility models, industrial models and designs for said invention in its own name throughout the world

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including all rights of priority, all rights to publish cautionary notices reserving ownership of said invention and all rights to register said invention in appropriate registries; and

ASSIGNOR further agrees to execute any and all powers of attorney, applications, assignments, declarations, affidavits, and any other papers in connection therewith necessary to perfect such rights, title and interest in ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

ASSIGNOR hereby further agrees to communicate with said ASSIGNEE, or its successors, assigns and legal representatives, any facts known to us respecting any improvements; and, at the expense of said ASSIGNEE, to testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue and substitute applications, make all lawful oaths, and generally do everything possible to vest title in said ASSIGNEE and to aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

ASSIGNOR hereby grant(s) the firm of Suiter • West PC LLO or its agents the power to insert on this assignment any further identification, including but not limited to application number(s) and filing dates, which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with any rule or request of the United States Patent and Trademark office for the purposes of recording this document.

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Signed at Urbandale, in the County of Polk, State of Iowa, this 17 day of May, 2005.

David W. Hickey  
David W. Hickey


STATE OF Iowa )  
COUNTY OF Polk )

I, Melinda S. Vander Velden, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, (my Commission expires on 9/11/2006) do hereby certify that **David W. Hickey** personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 17 day of May, 2005.

(SEAL)

Melinda S. Vander Velden  
Notary Public

 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME  
ON THIS 17 DAY OF May, 2005  
Melinda S. Vander Velden  
MELINDA S. VANDER VELDEN  
COMMISSION NUMBER 724449  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 9/11/2006

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Signed at Moline, in the County of Rock Island, State of ILLINOIS, this 3 day of MAY, 2005.

Michael Bajc  
Michael Bajc

STATE OF Illinois )

COUNTY OF Rock Island

I, Mary Ann Ackley, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, (my Commission expires on 3/30/2007) do hereby certify that Michael Bajc personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 3 day of May, 2005.



Mary Ann Ackley  
Notary Public

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Signed at John Deere, in the County of Polk, State of Iowa,  
this 6 day of May, 2005.

Craig A. Sutton  
Craig A. Sutton

STATE OF IOWA )COUNTY OF POLK )

I, JULIE KRUTSINGER, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid,  
(my Commission expires on 5 Feb 07) do hereby certify that **Craig A. Sutton** personally  
known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared  
before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said  
instrument as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 6 day of May, 2005.

(SEAL)

Julie Krutsinger  
Notary Public

