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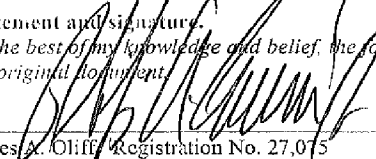
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hereinafter called assignor(s), have invented certain improvements in
Thin-Film Magnetic Head Structure, Method of Manufacturing the Same, and Thin-Film Magnetic Head

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America therefor on even date herewith unless otherwise indicated below:

filed on November 12, 2004, Serial No. 10/985891; and
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Headway Technologies, Inc.
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(assignee), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in the application and invention, and to any United States patents to be obtained therefor;

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