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Hermann Grether, a citizen of Germany, residing at Weilermtatt 4, 79379 Müllheim, Germany, is the inventor of a

FLOW REGULATOR

for which the undersigned executed an application for United States Letters Patent, U.S. Patent Application No. _____, filed _____, 2005.

The undersigned hereby authorizes assignee or assignee's representative to insert the Application Number and the filing date of this application if they are unknown at the time of execution of this assignment.

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