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WHEREAS, DSM IP ASSETS BV, a corporation duly organized under and pursuant to the laws of the Netherlands and having its principal place of business at Het Overloon 1, 6411 TE Heerlen, Netherlands (hereinafter "assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the right, title and interest in, to and under said Patent application and the inventions covered thereby:

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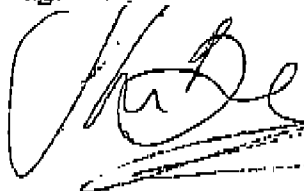
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