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(Title of Invention)

for which I/We executed an application for United States Letters Patent on the date(s) shown below or filed an application for United States Letters Patent on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_); and

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NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that, for good and valuable consideration the receipt of which from assignee is hereby acknowledged, I/We, as assignor(s), have sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto the assignee, its lawful successors and assigns, my/our entire right, title, and interest in and to this invention and this application, and all divisions, and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon, and all reissues thereof; and I/We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue all Letters Patents for this invention to assignee, its successors and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

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