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We, **Zhihua Jiang and Tanja Kunej**, have made certain inventions or discoveries (or both) set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America entitled: **Polymorphisms in Mitochondrial Transcription Factor A ("TFAM") Gene and their Associations with Measures of Marbling and Subcutaneous Fat Depth in Beef Cattle and Washington State University, 1610 NE Eastgate Boulevard, Pullman, WA 99163, USA** and which, together with its successors and assigns is hereinafter called "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring the title, rights, benefits and privileges hereinafter recited, and of confirming the same or any part thereof heretofore acquired by Assignee.

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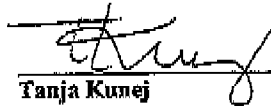
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