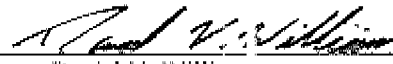


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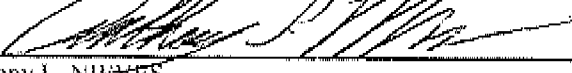
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Now therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,

We, the above named assignors, hereby sell, assign and transfer to the above named assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the application and the invention disclosed therein for the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto, including rights of priority under the International Convention of Paris (1883) as amended, and we request the Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to the assignee, its successors and assigns; and we hereby agree that the assignee may apply for foreign Letters Patent on the invention and we will execute without further consideration all papers deemed necessary by the assignee in connection with the United States and foreign applications when called upon to do so by the assignee.

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Date: 05/10/2006   
s/Patrick E. DOBBINS

Date: 05/16/2006   
s/Anthony L. NIEVES

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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