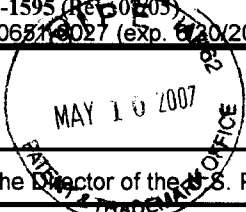


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- (c) International Application No. PCT/US02/10792 filed on 3 April 2002.
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INVENTORS:

Richard D. Gresham
Richard D. Gresham

Dated: 11.1.02

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County of NEW HAVEN) ss: NORTH HAVEN

Before me this 1ST day of NOVEMBER 2002,
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Dorey C. Sraka
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Scott E. Manzo

Dated: 12/10/02

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