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WHEREAS, KING FAHD UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS, a university organized and existing under the laws of the Nation of SAUDI ARABIA, having its principal place of business/business address at DHAHRAN, 31261, SAUDI ARABIA, hereinafter called the "Assignee" is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, the above noted application, and to any Letters Patent which may be obtained for said invention, and as hereinafter more fully set forth,

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