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WHEREAS, MERCK PATENT GmbH (Assignee), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Germany, having its principal office and place of business in Frankfurter Strasse 250, 64293 Darmstadt, Germany, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under said invention(s) and said application(s) in the United States of America and in any and all countries foreign thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, for One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under said inventions, and said applications, and all provisional, divisional, renewal, substitutional, and continuing applications thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States of America which may be granted thereon and all reissues, reexaminations and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent which may be filed for said inventions in any country or countries foreign to the United States of America, and all Letters Patent, Utility Model, Petty Patent, Design Patent, and Design Registration which may be granted for said inventions in any country or countries foreign to the United States of America, and all extensions, renewals, reexaminations and reissues thereof, and Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States of America, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said inventions to said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

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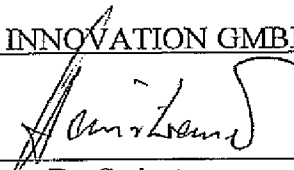
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