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The below named inventor(s) own(s) the entire right title and interest to the invention ("the invention") which is the subject of a United States patent application ("the Application") entitled:

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which each inventor has executed on the date indicated below next to each inventor's name.

Pursuant to an agreement between each inventor and Deere & Company, a Delaware corporation having its principal office at Moline, Illinois, as well as other good and valuable considerations paid to each inventor, each inventor agrees to assign, and hereby does assign to Deere & Company the entire right, title and interest which said inventor has or may have to the invention.

The assigned rights include all rights to file US and foreign patent applications for the invention described in the name of each inventor or Deere & Company, as well as any right of priority to any letters patent of the United States or any other country that may be granted for the invention, and any continuations, divisions or extensions thereof. These assigned rights are to be held and enjoyed by Deere & Company, its successors or assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by each inventor had this assignment not been made.

Each inventor agrees to execute all papers which Deere & Company, its successors or assigns deem expedient in connection with the Application and any continuing, divisional, reissue, reexamination or foreign applications concerning the invention, and to cooperate with Deere & Company, its successors or assigns in every proper way possible to obtain patent(s) based on the Application and any continuing, divisional, reissue, reexamination or foreign applications concerning the invention.

Each inventor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent based on the assigned rights to Deere & Company.

In witness whereof, each inventor has signed below:

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Sworn to before me this 11 day of August, 2009.

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