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(title of invention)

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- (a) ☒ U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith.
- (b) ☐ U.S. patent application executed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) ☐ U.S. application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) ☒ U.S. provisional application No. 60/666,829  
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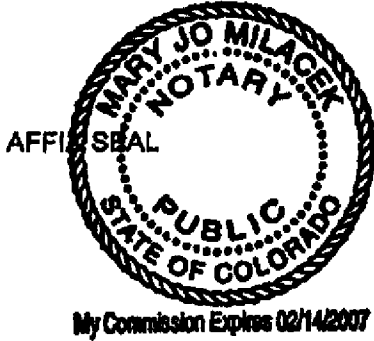
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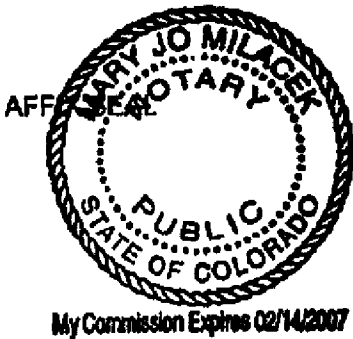
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