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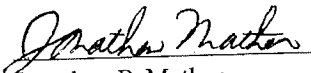
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Inventor:

  
Jonathan P. Mather

NOTARIZATION

State/Commonwealth of New Hampshire  
County of Sullivan ) ss

On this 05 day of December, 2013, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Jonathan P. Mather, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were Jonathan Mather, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document in my presence.

Bethany A. McAllister  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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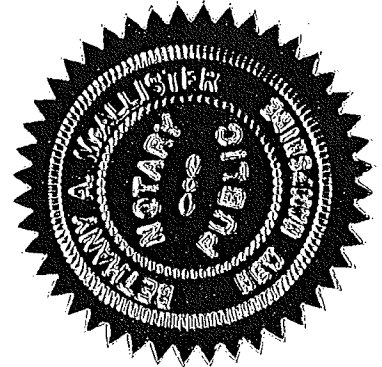
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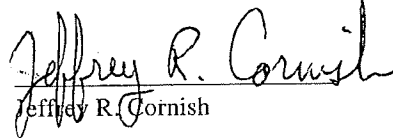
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Jeffrey R. Cornish

NOTARIZATION

State/Commonwealth of NH )  
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On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Jeffrey R. Cornish, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were driver's license, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document in my presence.

  
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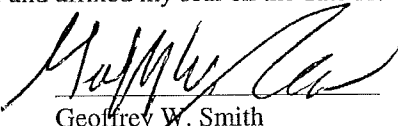
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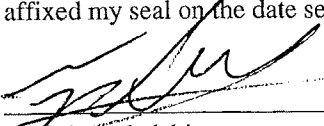
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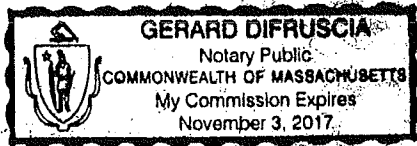
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Boris Mandadzhiev

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NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern be it known that for and in consideration of said agreements and of other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned and transferred and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, my entire right, title and interest in and throughout the United States of America, its territories and all foreign countries, in and to the invention(s) described in said application, together with my entire right, title and interest in and to said application and such letters patent as may issue thereon or claim priority under United States law or international convention, including but not limited to non-provisionals, continuations, divisionals, reissues, reexaminations, extensions, and substitutions of said application or such letters patent, and any right, title and interest I may have in provisional applications to which said application claims priority; said invention(s), applications and letters patent to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE for its own use and behalf and for its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said letters patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made. I hereby convey all of my rights arising under or pursuant to any and all United States laws and international agreements, treaties or laws relating to the protection of

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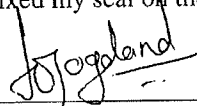
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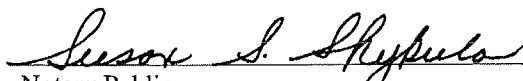
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On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Harshawardhan Jogdand, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were driver's license, to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document in my presence.

  
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My Commission Expires: April 15, 2014

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I hereby acknowledge that any willful false statement made in this declaration is punishable under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 by fine or imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, or both.

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WHEREAS, I, Shawn Laflamme have invented, solely or jointly, one or more inventions described in the above-identified patent application for letters patent; and

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