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The undersigned acknowledges that this document is being used both as an assignment of the invention and as the declaration (37 CFR 1.63) for a Utility or Design Application entitled:

SPACING DRUM AND METHOD

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is directed to (check one):

- The attached application, or
- United States application or PCT international application number 15/908,640 filed on February 28, 2018.

The above-identified application was made or authorized to be made by me.

I believe that I am the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the above-identified application.

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

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims.

I acknowledge that I am aware of the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

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