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- ☒ The attached application to be filed as a United States application or PCT international application, or  
☐ United States application or PCT international application number \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_; and, entitled: BINDING MACHINE.

Regarding that application, each of the INVENTOR(S) declares the following:

- 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 application.
- 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.

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the INVENTOR(S) hereby assign, transfer, and set over to:

KYOWA LIMITED

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