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Morgan Mears having an address of Raleigh, NC ("**Assignor**")

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3. the patent applications listed in the table below (the "**Application**") and/or filed under said Docket No. NTAP108US;

Patent Application No.	Country	Filing Date	Title
17/932,916	US	09/16/2022	DATA STORAGE SYSTEM DRIVE UTILIZATION

4. all rights with respect to the Invention, including all United States patents or other governmental grants or issuances that may be granted with respect to the Invention or from any direct or indirect divisionals, continuations, continuations-in-part, non-provisionals or other patent applications claiming priority rights from the Application(s) ("**Potential Patents**");
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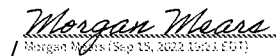
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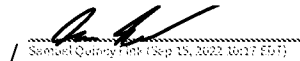

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