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| Title of Invention: STAPLE C<br>AND STAI   | ARTRIDGE ASSEMBLY COMPRISING VARIOUS TISSUE COMPRESSION GAPS LE FORMING GAPS   |  |  |  |
| This declaration and assignment is directed to:  |  |  |  |  |
|  | The attached or filed herewith application of (list of named inventors),   |  |  |  |
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|  | The United States application or PCT international application number <u>16/156.161</u> filed on <u>October 10, 2018</u>   |  |  |  |
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| As the below named inventor,   | I hereby declare that:   |  |  |  |
| The above-identified application   | on ("Application") was made or authorized by me  |  |  |  |
| I believe that I am the original   | inventor or an original inventor of a claimed invention or discovery in the Application.   |  |  |  |
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|  | a Limited Liability Company of Delaware.   |  |  |  |
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