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INVENTION DISCLOSURE TO ATTORNEY

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DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF THE INVENTION:

INVENTOR INFORMATION

The threshold question of inventorship is "who conceived the invention?" Conception is the performance of the mental part of the inventive act, the formation in the mind of a *definite and permanent idea* of the *complete and operative* invention as it is thereafter to be applied in practice.

However, invention is rarely a solitary endeavor. An idea is usually not "definite and permanent" or "complete" where changes result from experimentation. In this case, other individuals who contribute to the formation of the "definite and permanent" idea can be co-inventors. On the other hand, those who merely followed instructions to build or test the invention are not co-inventors.

In patent terms, an inventor is a party who has contributed at least one claim to a patent. The naming of inventors is very important for the validity of the patent. Intentionally failing to name or incorrectly identifying inventors can result in a patent being held invalid.

An inventor cannot opt out from being mentioned as such in a U.S. patent, even if the patent application was assigned before publication. Assignment of rights in a patent does not alter to whom the patent is actually issued.

If you have multiple inventors, list them in the order their names will appear on the patent.

Inventor(s):

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INVENTION INFORMATION

- Descriptive Title of Invention:
- Date conceived:
- Date of First Sketch or Drawing:
- Date of First Written Description (if other than today):
- Date Prototype Constructed or Process Performed (if any):
- First Date of **Private** Disclosure or Testing (if any); If so, before whom?:
(Includes Relatives, Friends)
- First Date of **Public** Disclosure (if any) or Anticipated Disclosure; If so,
to whom: (Includes Trades Shows, Printed Publications)
- First Date of Offer for Sale (if any) or Anticipated Offer:

PURPOSE OF THE INVENTION

- Describe what problem(s) the invention solves, the advantages to be gained by the invention, and what the prior practice was before the invention was created.

- Please distinctly specify the differences between your invention and the closest prior technology.

- Please draw the invention in detail. Attach the drawings to the end of this document. (Draw your invention as clearly and completely as possible as a guideline. Label each major part which cooperates to achieve your purpose. Below, write down a description of each labeled part. Where necessary or convenient employ multiple sketches of the invention from different angles or stages of assembly. Include graphs, tables, circuit diagrams, flow charts, chemical formulae, equations, etc., which are helpful in understanding the invention.)

- Are there any witnesses who can corroborate the making of the invention, from the early days of conception to the reduction to practice? Please give their names, addresses and telephone numbers.
- Are there any disadvantages or problems with your invention? Do you feel these disadvantages are unimportant in light of the advantages, or can be overcome? If so, how?
- Do you know if anyone else has invented something similar which is not yet publicly available? If so, please identify and describe.
- Have any patent applications been filed on closely related inventions? Identify them, if possible.
- Are there any written records such as laboratory notebooks, etc., in which the invention is described? Indicate location, custody, etc., of the records, starting with the earliest ones.

- Are you planning any disclosure of the invention in the future, i.e. is there any imminent written publication, oral presentation, showing at a trade show, or offer of a free sample or sale of the invention? Please give approximate dates and locations.

- Did any of the following sponsor or pay for the work that led to the invention or part thereof?
 - U.S. Government or government agencies:

 - Industrial sponsor (please indicate if you've signed a contract):

 - Other (self, university, private individual, etc.):

- Has there been any commercial interest in this invention? Please name companies and specific persons, if available.

- Can you think of any other commercial firms who may be interested in your invention?

- Would the invention have market potential in countries other than the U.S.? Which countries?

Signatures:

Date:

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Detailed Description: