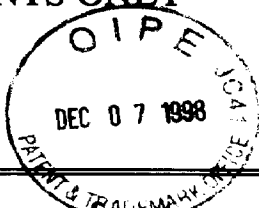


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For Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assign(s) to BERTRAND FAURE EQUIPEMENTS SA  
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