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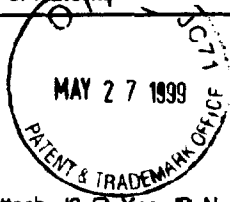
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Title "GRIP DEVICE FOR A FOOD COOKING VESSEL, IN PARTICULAR A FRYING-PAN"

For one dollar Mr. Francesco MUNARI, an Italian subject the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assign(s) to:

LA TERMOPLASTIC F.B.M. S.r.l.
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