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invented certain new and useful improvements in
"Frame for a vehicle"

- for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on _____, Serial No. _____; and,
 for which an application for United States Letters Patent was executed on _____; and,
 for which International Application No. PCT/BE 97/00068 designating
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WHEREAS, GROEP STEVENS INTERNATIONAL, naamloze vennootschap, whose post
office address is Stuurstraat 113B
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hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in
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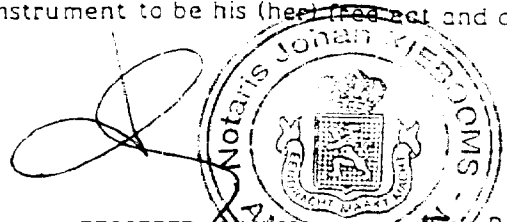
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