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have invented a certain improvement in "A buckle, particularly for a belt"

for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States and whereas EMA S.r.l., an Italian Limited Liability Company of Via S. Maria 2/4/6, I-63044 COMUNANZA (Ascoli Piceno) Italy

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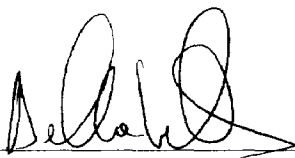
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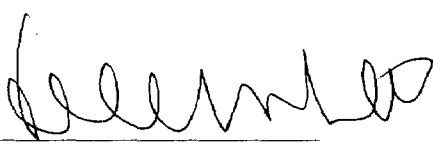
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