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Geneva, October 28, 1999

Re: US Patent Application No 09/319,179 (PCT/IB97/01593) for
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Dear Sirs,

Please be advised that I, Philippe Azzola, Attorney at Law duly recognized to practice law in Geneva, Switzerland, am familiar with the law of this jurisdiction. I am furthermore specialized in Intellectual Property matters.

Please find herewith enclosed a certified true copy of the original of a Declaration duly signed by Mr Ruchonnet on December 19, 1996. By this Declaration, Mr Ruchonnet, the inventor, who was in charge of the Research and Development Department of Le Petit-Fils de L.U. Chopard & Cie S.A., declares that he has no rights whatsoever on the above-mentioned invention and that said invention is the exclusive proprietary property of Le Petit-Fils de L.U. Chopard & Cie S.A.

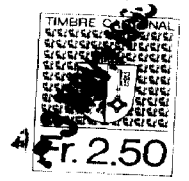
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I declare that this Declaration is in conformity with the Swiss Law and that therefore this document can be considered as a substitute of the Assignment document usually filed at the USPTO.


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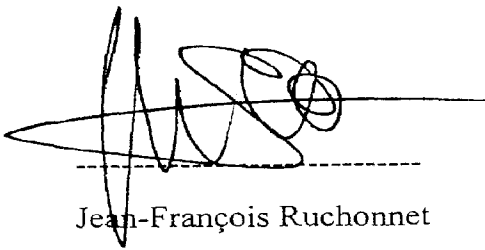


Déclaration

Je soussigné, Monsieur Jean-François Ruchonnet, Résidence "Pré des Muses", 74140 Machilly, France, employé par la société Le Petit-Fils de L.U. Chopard & Cie SA en tant que dessinateur depuis 1991, et en plus comme responsable du département de recherche et développement depuis 1994, déclare reconnaître que l'invention portant sur des instruments d'écriture à laquelle j'ai participé, dans l'exercice de mon activité en faveur de mon employeur, appartient exclusivement à Le Petit-Fils de L.U. Chopard & Cie SA. Je reconnais également n'avoir aucune prétention de quelque nature que ce soit à faire valoir à l'encontre de mon employeur sur ladite invention.

En outre, je confirme maintenir l'invention et tous projets y relatifs sous le sceau de la plus haute confidentialité.

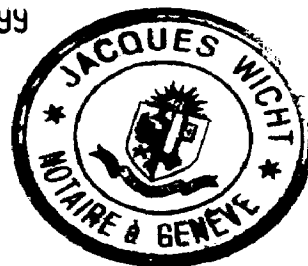
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Declaration

I the undersigned, Mr. Jean-François Ruchonnet, Résidence "Pré des Muses", 74140 Machilly, France, employed by the company Le Petit-Fils de L.U. Chopard & Cie SA as a designer since 1991, and also as head of the research and development department since 1994, do hereby declare that I acknowledge that the invention of writing implements in which I participated in the course of my work for my *employer* belongs *exclusively* to Le Petit-Fils de L.U. Chopard & Cie SA. I also acknowledge that I have no claims of any kind whatsoever to enforce in respect of my employer concerning the said invention.

Further, I confirm that I maintain the invention and all its related designs under the seal of the strictest confidentiality.

Meyrin, 19 December 1996

(signed)

Jean-François Ruchonnet

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