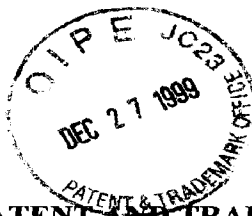


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(37 C.F.R. § 3.21 and 37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(4))**

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. §3.21.

NOTE: § 3.21 does not apply to documents other than assignment. Notice of June 24, 1992 (1140 O.G. 63-72 at 67).

1. This assignment is for the following patent application or issued patent:

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filed on October 14, 1999

filed on

International application: PCT

Issued:

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(also complete the following, if applicable)

- [] and also for the applications and/or patents
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Number of pages added _____

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2. A. The total number of applications and/or patents identified in this cover sheet is 1

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(37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(1))

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3. The party(ies) conveying interest is (are):

Name 1: Espen SORNES

Name 2:

Name 3:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY(IES) RECEIVING INTEREST

(37 C.F.R. § 3.31 (a)(2))

4. The rights are being conveyed to:

Name: FACTOR TOOLS AS

Address: Prof. O. Hanssens vei 11
N-4003 Stavanger, NORWAY

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- ☒ an assignment.
- ☐ a security agreement.
- ☐ a merger.
- ☐ a license.
- ☐ a change of name.
- ☐ a change of address.
- ☐ other:

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY TO WHOM
CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE MAILED (37 C.F.R. § 3.31 (a)(5))**

6. Please address correspondence to:

Name: Clifford J. Mass
Address: c/o Ladas & Parry
26 West 61st Street
New York, New York 10023
Telephone No.: (212) 708-1890

**DATE ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) EXECUTED
(37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(7))**

7. A. ☐ The attached assignment (document) was executed on November 25, 1999.
Date

OR *If there is more than one conveying party who executed on different dates, indicate the date of execution of the assignment document for each conveying party.*

B. ☐ The attached assignment was executed by _____
Name
on _____ .
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9. Submitted herewith is:

☒ the original document.

☐ a true copy of the original document, which I certify to be a true copy.

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(check item, if applicable)

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ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO RECORD CHANGE OF NAME

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STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(9)) AND SIGNATURE (37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(10))

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Date: December 21, 1999

Name of party submitting document

Signature of party submitting document

(complete the following, if the party submitting the document
is applicant's attorney)

SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

CLIFFORD J. MASS

(type or print name of practitioner)

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For: ☐ PCT Application
By: ☐ Inventor(s) or ☐ Present Owner

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ASSIGNOR:

Inventor(s) or person(s) or entity(ies)
who own the invention

Espen SORNES*(type or print name(s) of ASSIGNOR(S))*Steinstemmyra 56, N-4300

Address

Sandnes, NORWAYNorwegian

Nationality

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Address

N-4003 Stavanger, NORWAYNorwegian

Nationality

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(complete one of the following)

- ☒ the entire right, title and interest
☐ an undivided _____ percent (_____ %) interest

for the United States and its territorial possessions

(check the following box, if foreign rights are also to be assigned)

- ☐ and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority,

in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:

GROUNDING TERMINAL

Name of inventor(s) Espen SORNES

(check and complete (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) or (g))

and which is found in (37 C.F.R. § 3.21)

- (a) ☐ U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith
(b) ☐ U.S. patent application executed on _____
(c) ☐ U.S. provisional application naming the above inventor(s) for the above-entitled invention.
☐ Express mail label no.: _____
Mailed: _____
☐ To comply with 37 CFR 3.21 for recordal of this assignment, I, an ASSIGNOR signing below, hereby authorize and request my attorney to insert below the filing date and application number when they become known.
(d) ☒ U.S. application no. 09/417,783 filed on October 14, 1999
(e) ☐ International application no. PCT / _____ / _____ filed on _____
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- (g) ☐ and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country, including the right to claim priority

and, in and to, all Letters Patent to be obtained for said invention by the above application or any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any reissue or re-examination thereof.

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment.

ASSIGNOR further covenants that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all

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pertinent facts and documents relating to said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and will testify as to the same in any interference, litigation or proceeding related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representatives any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/We have hereunto set hand and seal this

WARNING: *The date of signing must be the same as the date of execution of the application, if item (a) was checked above.*

Date: (x) 25.11.1999

(X) *Espon Serres*
Signature of ASSIGNOR(S)

Date: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

(if ASSIGNOR is a legal entity, complete the following information)

*(type or print the name of the above person
authorized to sign on behalf of ASSIGNOR)*

Title

NOTE: *No witnessing, notarization or legalization is necessary. If the assignment is notarized or legalized, then it will only be prima facie evidence of execution. 35 USC 261. Use next page if notarization is desired.*

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