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WHEREAS, DOMINIK SCHNEIDER, of Giacomettistr. 41, Chur, CH-7000, Switzerland, hereinafter referred to as "Assignor," is the inventor of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: APPARATUS FOR MECHANICAL JOINING  
Date(s) of Execution: October 25, 1999 (Please fill in)  
Filing Date: October 15, 1999  
Application No.: 09/418,815 ; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignor, Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignee, and Assignee's successors and assigns, all their right, title and interest in and to said invention and application, and in and to any Letters Patent which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and in all other countries in the world, the said interest to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by said Assignor had this Assignment and transfer not been made, to the full end and term of any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

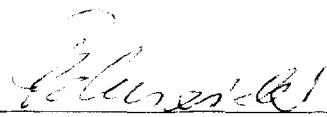
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Assignor hereby authorizes and requests Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, Two Embarcadero Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111-3834, to insert herein above the application number and filing date of said application when known.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has signed his/her name on the date indicated.

Dated: October 25, 1999

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