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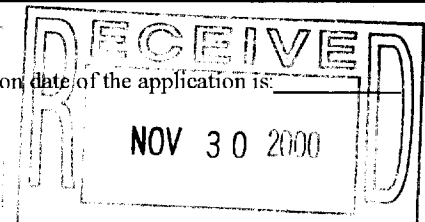
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KNEE HINGE PROSTHESIS WITH WEAR-RESISTANT DEVICE FOR GUIDING THE PATELLAR COMPONENTS

for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on October 10, 2000, as U.S. Serial No. 09/673,067

WHEREAS **CERAMTEC AG**
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a German corporation (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the same:

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