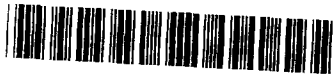


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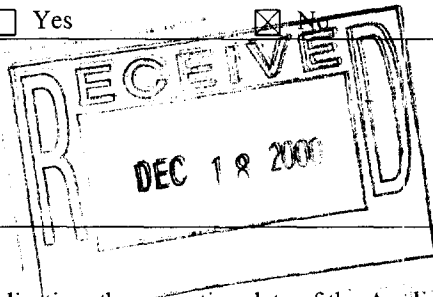
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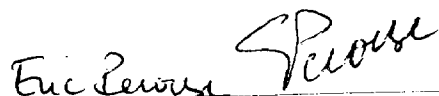
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me, in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents to hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Thierry Richard, his successors, legal representatives, and assigns the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under the US Patent and any improvements, and all reissues and re-examinations thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvement to Thierry Richard, his successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND I HEREBY covenant that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND I HEREBY further covenant and agree that I will communicate to Thierry Richard, his successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid Thierry Richard, his successors, legal representatives and assigns to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year set opposite my signature.

Date: 10.11.00.


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