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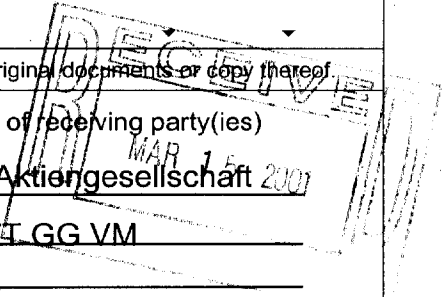
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS I, STEFAN HERMANN, residing at KÖFERING, Germany, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a

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for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America was executed on the date of execution of this assignment;

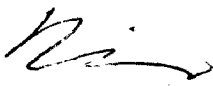
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this day of 26.06, 2000.

In the presence of:



 (L.S.)
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