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**Assignment of Invention**

WHEREAS, I, **Francis BRIAND, 62 rue St Lazare, 75009 Paris, France ; Karim CHOUF 5 rue Lucien Guillou, 93800 Epinay s/seine, France ; Philippe LEFEBVRE 7 rue Waldeck Rousseau, 95310 Saint Ouen l'Aumône, France ; Eric VERNA, 34 rue Pasteur, 95650 Boissy l'Aillerie, France** have invented certain new and useful improvements in *Use of helium/nitrogen gas mixtures in up to 8 kW laser welding* which: (a) an application for Letters Patent was filed on HEREWITH, having Application No. \_\_\_\_\_; or (b) for which an application for a United States patent was executed on \_\_\_\_\_, and

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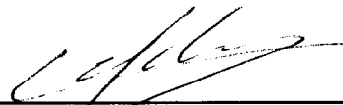
  
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