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UPON PRESENTATION AND SURRENDER OF THIS GUARANTEE AT THE OFFICES OF BANQUE CENTRALE DE MADAGASCAR - BP NO 550 - ANTANANARIVO MADAGASCAR SUCH PAYMENT SHALL BE MADE WITHOUT SET-OFF AND FREE AND CLEAR OF ANY DEDUCTIONS OR CHARGES, FEES, DEDUCTIONS OR WITHHOLDINGS OF ANY NATURE NOW OR HEREAFTER IMPOSED, LEVIED, COLLECTED, WITHHELD OR ASSESSED BY THE REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR AUTHORITY THEREOF OR THEREIN.

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