~~PCT Article 34 amendments filed during preliminary examination (PCT Chapter II)~~ **Claims**

1. Hand for a timepiece (1) comprising at least one housing (6) for receiving at least one precious or non-precious stone (7, 7') and comprising at least one first end (61), referred to as a setting end, and a rail (8), characterised in that the rail (8) is over the periphery of the housing (6), the rail (8) being arranged to allow the insertion of the stone(s) (7, 7') in the rail (8) at the first end (61) of the housing (6), in order that the stone(s) (7, 7') can slide in said rail (8) along the longitudinal axis of the housing (6) and to retain the stone(s) (7, 7') once inserted in the rail (8) in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the housing (6).

2. Hand (1) as claimed in claim 1, characterised in that it further comprises a setting element (9) located at the first end (61) of the housing (6) and arranged to be deformable between a first position, in which it does not prevent a stone (7, 7') inserted in the rail (8) from exiting same through the first end (61) of the housing (6), and a second position in which it prevents a stone (7, 7') inserted in the rail (8) from exiting said rail (8) and the housing (6).

3. Hand as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterised in that the housing (6) is through-going.

4. Hand component (1) as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the rail (8) comprises an upper rail (81) continuous over all the periphery of the housing (6) and a lower rail (82) formed of tabs (83) alternating with empty spaces (84) over all the periphery of the housing (6), no tab (38) being present at the first end (61) of the housing (6) to allow the insertion of the stone(s) (7, 7') in the rail (8) between the upper rail (81) and the lower rail (82).

5. Hand as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the housing (6) is intended to receive at least one stone (7, 7') in the form of a baguette.

6. Timepiece comprising a timepiece component as claimed in any one of the preceding claims.

7. Method for setting at least one precious or non-precious stone (7, 7') in a timepiece component as claimed in any one of claims 2 to 6 comprising the following steps:

a. inserting the stone(s) (7, 7') one by one in the rail (8) through the first end (61) of the housing (6);

b. sliding the stone(s) (7, 7') in the rail (8) as far as their final position;

c. deforming the setting element (9) to bring it into its second position in which it prevents the stone(s) (7, 7') from exiting the rail (8).