

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, DR. NORBERT DIEKHANS and HEINZ PICKERT, residing in Gütersloh, Germany and Rietberg, Germany, respectively, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS, have invented a new and useful

Multiple-Axle Steering System for Agricultural Harvesting Machines

for which ASSIGNORS are about to file an application for Letters Patent in the United States of America, such invention being described and identified by said application having an attached Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by ASSIGNORS on 6-4-1998 and 6-4-1998, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Claas KGaA, a Germany company having a place of business at Harsewinkel, Germany hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any Letters Patent granted thereon by the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and for other good and valuable consideration received by ASSIGNORS from ASSIGNEE, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by ASSIGNORS;

1. ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, any application therefor, and any Letters Patent granted thereon by the United States of America, including any continuing application, re-examination, reissue or extension thereof, and covenant that ASSIGNORS have the full right to do so.

2. At the request and expense of ASSIGNEE, ASSIGNORS agree to communicate to ASSIGNEE any facts known respecting said invention, to execute all papers necessary to file any application on said invention necessary or desirable and to aid ASSIGNEE in obtaining and enforcing proper protection for said invention in the United States of America.

3. ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS to issue the United States Letters Patent on said invention, when granted, to Claas KGaA.

4. This assignment shall inure to the benefit of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives, and shall be binding upon ASSIGNORS, ASSIGNORS' heirs and legal representatives.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, ASSIGNORS have executed this instrument.

Norbert Diekhans
Dr. Norbert Diekhans

6.4.1998
Date

Heinz Pickert
Heinz Pickert

6.4.1998
Date