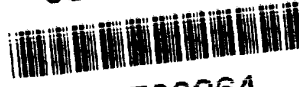


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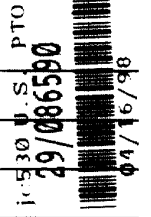
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Erich D. Slothower, Mary J. Reid, and James M. Neiman, all of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, have made certain inventions which are described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled LAVATORY (a/k/a Rectangular Vessel Vase Lavatory) executed by us on even date herewith preparatory to obtaining United States Letters Patent therefor (copies of the drawings of which are attached); and

WHEREAS, Kohler Co. (hereinafter referred to as Company), a Wisconsin corporation having a place of business at Kohler, Wisconsin, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in said inventions worldwide (herein "worldwide" includes throughout the United States of America and its territories, throughout all other countries and under all international agreements);

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration of which receipt is hereby acknowledged, we state and undertake the following:

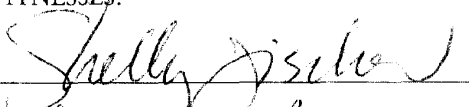


We hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Company the entire right, title and interest worldwide in and to said inventions, the aforesaid application, all other applications hereafter filed based in whole or in part on said inventions and all Letters Patent granted upon said applications, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said Company. We further grant to said Company the right to claim for any of said applications the full benefits and priority rights of any international agreement between the United States and any foreign country or countries or between any other countries.

We hereby warrant that we have the full right to make the conveyance herein. We hereby covenant that upon request we will communicate to said Company and its representatives all facts known respecting said inventions; execute all divisional, continuing, reissue, reexamination and foreign or international applications, together with individual assignments therefor; make all rightful oaths; sign all lawful papers; testify in any legal proceeding and generally do everything possible to aid said Company to obtain Letters Patent.

This Assignment and our promises herein also obligate our heirs, legal representative and assigns, and they are for the benefit of said Company and its successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals at the location and on the date indicated with our signatures.

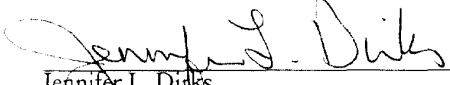
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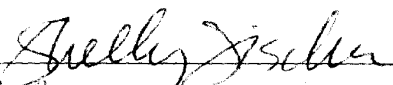

Before me this 9th day of April, 1998, came Erich D. Slothower, to me known to be the person named in the foregoing assignment and he acknowledged the execution thereof to be his free act and deed.


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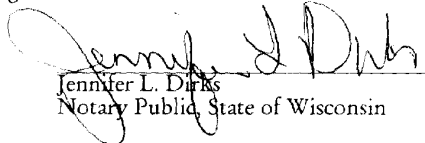
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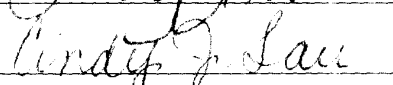
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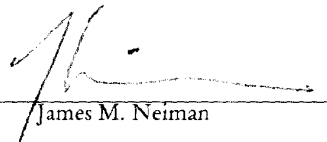
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Before me this 13th day of April, 1998, came Mary J. Reid, to me known to be the person named in the foregoing assignment and she acknowledged the execution thereof to be her free act and deed.


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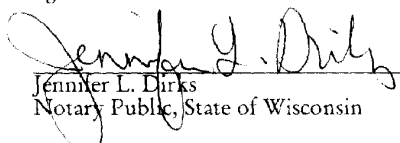
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