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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Clarkson S. Thorp

hereinafter called "ASSIGNOR", residing at 121 Church Street, Wayland, Michigan 49348

have invented certain new and useful improvements in an invention titled

### LIGHTWEIGHT FREESTANDING DIVIDER WALL

for which an application for United States Letters Patent was signed on even date.

WHEREAS, Haworth, Inc., hereinafter called the "ASSIGNEE", a corporation of the State of Michigan having a place of business at One Haworth Center, 1400 Highway M-40, Holland, Michigan 49423 is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor, in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in view of valuable consideration, including present or past employment by ASSIGNEE, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I, the said ASSIGNOR do hereby assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuation and extensions thereof.

I hereby authorize and request the Patent Office Officials in the United States and in any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said ASSIGNEE as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns. Further, I agree that I will communicate to said ASSIGNEE or its representatives any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said ASSIGNEE, make all rightful oaths or declarations and generally cooperate with said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and in any and all foreign countries. I authorize any of our principal attorneys of record in said application to insert on this Assignment the serial number and filing date of said application, when known.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand as of the date noted below.

Signed: X Clarkson S. Thorp Date: 5.18.98

Witnessed By: Jeff Renschel Date: 5.18.98

STATE OF MICHIGAN }  
COUNTY OF Allegan } ss.

On this 10th day of May, 1998, personally appeared before me the above-named, Clarkson S. Thorp, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same to be his/her free act and deed in and for the purposes set forth in said instrument.

X Janis R. Evers  
Notary Public

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