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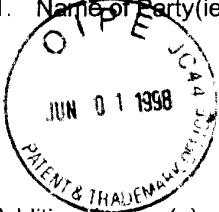
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by thereof.

1. Name of Party(ies) conveying an interest:

James A. Goodman



Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?

Yes No

2. Name and Address of Party(ies) receiving an interest:

Name: Prototype Equipment Corporation
Internal Address: Lake Forest, Illinois
Street Address: 28495 North Ballard
City: Lake Forest
State/Zip: Illinois 60045

Additional name(s) and addresses attached?

Yes No

3. Description of the interest conveyed:

- Assignment Change of Name Other:
- Security Agreement Merger

Execution Date: May 15, 1998

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s). Additional sheet attached? Yes No

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09/042,035

Date

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F. David AuBuchon
Name of Person Signing

Signature

May 27, 1998
Date

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, James A. Goodman, hereinafter called the "Assignor", has made the invention described in the United States patent application entitled Universal Packaging System, for a full description of which reference is here made to an application for Letters Patent of the United States filed on March 13, 1998 and assigned Application Serial No. 09/042,035;

WHEREAS, Prototype Equipment Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, having a place of business at 28495 North Ballard, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045, hereinafter called the "Assignee", desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and all patents which may be obtained for said invention, as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by the Assignor from the Assignee is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and any patents that may issue for said invention in the United States; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and all patent applications and patents therefor in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application all benefits and priority rights under any applicable convention; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to all continuations, divisions, renewals and extensions of any of the patent applications and patents defined above; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for all such patents.

The Assignor hereby covenants and agrees, for both the Assignor and the Assignor's legal representatives, that the Assignor will assist the Assignee in the prosecution of the patent application identified above; in the making and prosecution of any other patent

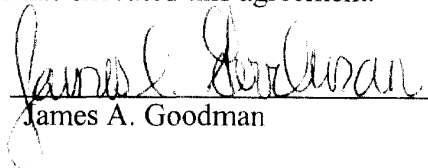
applications that the Assignee may elect to make covering the invention identified above; in vesting in the Assignee like exclusive title in and to all such other patent applications and patents; and in the prosecution of any interference which may arise involving said invention, or any such patent application or patent; and that the Assignor will execute and deliver to the Assignee any and all additional papers which may be requested by the Assignee to carry out the terms of this Assignment.

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue patents to the Assignee in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignor has executed this agreement.

DATED:

5/15/98


James A. Goodman

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STATE OF Illinois)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COOK)

I, DEBRA HUFFMAN, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that James A. Goodman, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 15th day of May, 1998.

Debra Huffman
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires:



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ASSIGNMENT

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I/we the undersigned,

Thomas Kupka, Joachim Rein, Johannes Solf, Manfred Dworschak and Theodor Lutze

who, has/have created a certain invention for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been executed concurrently herewith and is entitled

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Do hereby sell, assign and transfer to: **AESCULAP AG & Co. KG**

whose address is: **Am Aesculap-Platz, D-78532 Tuttlingen, Federal Republic of Germany**

its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right to said invention and said application and to any and all inventions described in said application for the United States, its territorial possessions and 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, its territorial possessions and all foreign countries; and in and to any and all continuations-in-part, continuations, divisions, substitutes, reissues, extensions thereof, and all other applications for Letters Patent relating thereto which have been or shall be filed in the United States, its territorial possessions and/or any foreign countries, and all rights, together with all priority rights, under any of the international conventions, unions, agreements, acts, and treaties, including all future conventions, unions, agreements, acts, and treaties:

Agree that **AESCULAP AG & Co. KG** hereinafter referred to as Assignee, may apply for and receive in its own name Letters Patent for said invention and said inventions, hereinafter referred to as said invention, in the United States, its territorial possessions, and all foreign countries; and that, when requested to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment at the expense of said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the undersigned will execute all continuations-in-part, continuations, divisions, substitutes, reissues, and extensions thereof, execute all rightful oaths, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers, testify in any legal or quasi legal proceedings; communicate to said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives all facts known to the undersigned relating to said invention and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which said Assignee, its successors, assigns or legal representatives shall consider desirable for aiding in securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for said invention and for vesting title to said invention and all applications for patents on said invention in said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives; and

Covenant with said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by the undersigned, and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned.


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I/we have hereunto set my/our signature(s) on the date(s) indicated below.



(Witness) Signature

Said Hamut HUSNI_PASCHA


Name of Witness Printed



(Witness) Signature

Jutta Kirschner

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(U.S.)
Thomas Kupka

Date



(U.S.)
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March 16th 1988

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