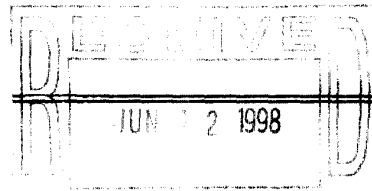


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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

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Michael D. Ford

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Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? ___ Yes X No

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ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by Michael G. Edwards, a citizen of the United States of America residing at 1980 Freedom Lane, in the City of Hudson, County of Caldwell, State of North Carolina and Michael D. Ford, a citizen of the United States of America residing at 5092-2 Bloomfield Drive, in the City of Granite Falls, County of Caldwell, State of North Carolina, respectively;

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, we are the joint inventors of certain new and useful improvements in an electrical conduit fixture for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 23, 1997 under Serial No. 677,124, from which U.S. Patent No. 5,700,977 has issued; and

WHEREAS, Preferred Fitting Solutions, Inc., a corporation having its principal place of business at 110 Fairbanks Drive, in the City of Lenoir, County of Caldwell, State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as described in said application and said patent, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom it May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, application and United States Patent, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made.

We further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, we possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that we have

the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

We further covenant and agree to bind our heirs, legal representatives, and assignees promptly to communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to us relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the assignee, its representatives, successors, or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the assignee complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this 5th day of May, 1998.

Michael G. Edwards (SEAL)
Michael G. Edwards

Michael D. Ford (SEAL)
Michael D. Ford

State of North Carolina

County of Caldwell

Before me personally appeared Michael G. Edwards and Michael D. Ford, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes therein stated, this 5th day of May, 1998.

Jacy Morris
Notary Public

SEAL

My commission expires: 3.30.2002

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