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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS I, CHARLES G. SHEPHERD, whose full post office address is 1008 Westdale Road, Oakville, Ontario, Canada, L6L 5A2, contributed as a joint inventor with EDWARD A. FUNGER to an invention entitled:

### UTILITY KNIFE WITH ROTARY BLADE MAGAZINE

for which United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/013,269 was filed on January 26, 1998.

AND WHEREAS I contributed to the invention during the course of my employment with SHEPHERD ASSOCIATES, a division of Charles Grey Shepherd Inc. of 1008 Westdale Road, Oakville, Ontario, Canada, L6L 5A2.

NOW THEREFORE to all whom it may concern be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid by SHEPHERD ASSOCIATES and other good and valuable consideration the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I the said CHARLES G. SHEPHERD hereby confirm that I have sold, assigned and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer to the said SHEPHERD ASSOCIATES, its successors and assigns my entire right, title and interest for Canada, the United States of America and all other countries, in and to the said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be obtained therefore in Canada, in the United States of America, and all other countries.

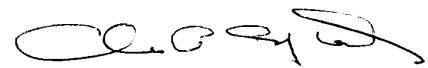
AND be it known that I authorize and empower the said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees, to invoke and claim for any

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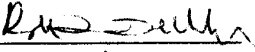
AND I hereby covenant and agree to do all such things and to execute without further consideration such further lawful documents, assurances, applications and other instruments as may reasonably be required to obtain Letters Patent for the said invention and vest the same in the Assignee, its successors and assigns.

SIGNED at Oakville, Ontario, Canada this 16<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 1998



Charles G. Shepherd

I hereby certify that before me personally appeared CHARLES G. SHEPHERD to me known and known to me to be the individual described in the foregoing instrument, and that CHARLES G. SHEPHERD in my presence executed this instrument and who by me being sworn did acknowledge that he executed this instrument as his free act and deed on the day and year aforesaid.

  
Robert F. Delbridge  
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