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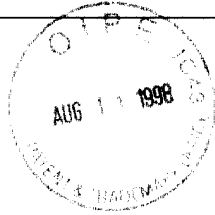
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Joseph S. Ratajczak
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Joseph S. Ratajczak, residing at 6732 El Parque, El Paso, Texas 79912; Harold T. Coyle, 6255 Escondido, El Paso, Texas 79912; and Julio Delgado, residing at 200 Lindell Drive, Apex, North Carolina 27502 have invented certain new and useful improvements in Battery Cell Grading Holder for which an application for United States Letters Patent was signed by us on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, EVEREADY BATTERY COMPANY, INC., a corporation of the state of Delaware, having a place of business at 25225 Detroit Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145 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 therefore in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other valuable considerations, we, the said inventors, Joseph S. Ratajczak, Harold T. Coyle, and Julio Delgado have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said EVEREADY BATTERY COMPANY, INC., 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, continuations and extensions thereof.

We 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 EVEREADY BATTERY COMPANY, INC., as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of the said EVEREADY BATTERY COMPANY, INC., its successors and assigns.

FURTHER, we agree that we will communicate to said EVEREADY BATTERY COMPANY, INC., or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitution, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said EVEREADY BATTERY COMPANY, INC., make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said EVEREADY BATTERY COMPANY, INC., its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

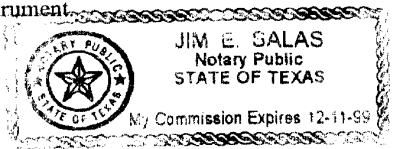
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 23rd day of June, 1998.

Signed in the presence of:

[Signature] Signed: *[Signature]*
Joseph S. Ratajczak

STATE of Texas)
COUNTY OF El Paso)

On the 23rd day of June, 1998 personally appeared before me the above named Joseph S. Ratajczak to me known and known to me to be 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 purpose set forth in said instrument.



[Signature]
Notary Public
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My Commission Expires

Signed in the presence of:

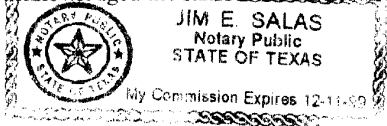
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Signed:

Harold T. Coyle
Harold T. Coyle

STATE of *Texas*)
COUNTY OF *El Paso*)

On the *31st* day of *June*, 1998 personally appeared before me the above named **Harold T. Coyle** to me known and known to me to be 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 purpose set forth in said instrument.



J. E. Salas
Notary Public
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Signed in the presence of:

Signed:

Julio Delgado

STATE of)
COUNTY OF)

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