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Improvement To The Blank-Holder Force-Regulating System In A Press

TITLE

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- a. Date of execution:
b. Name of each inventor:
1: KERGEN, Richard
2:
3:

c. Title of invention: Improvement To The Blank-Holder Force-Regulating System In A Press

NOTE: See 37 CFR 3.21.

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NAME OF PARTY(IES) CONVEYING INTEREST (37 CFR 3.31(a)(1))

2. The party(ies) conveying this interest is (are):

Name 1: KERGEN, Richard

Name 2: _____

Name 3: _____

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY(IES) RECEIVING INTEREST

(37 CFR 3.31(a)(2))

3. The rights are being conveyed to:

Name: S.C. Recherche dt Developpement Groupe Cockerill Sambre

Address: Campus Universitaire Du Sart-Tilman

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B-4000 Liege, Blegium

Telephone No.: ()

DESCRIPTION OF INTEREST CONVEYED OR TRANSACTION RECORDED

(37 CFR 3.31(a)(3))

4. The accompanying document intends to accomplish:

- an assignment.
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- a merger.
- a change of name.
- a change of address.
- other.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY TO WHOM CORRESPONDENCE

SHOULD BE MAILED (37 CFR 3.31(a)(5))

5. Please address correspondence to:

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Barrington, IL 60011

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DATE ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) EXECUTED (37 CFR 3.31(a)(7))

6. The attached assignment (document) was executed on December 23, 1997.

Date

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- is in the English language.
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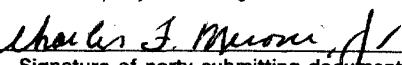
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Date: 6/9/98

Charles F. Meroni, Jr.
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ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, I, Richard KERGEN of rue de la Gare 10/1,
B-4347 Fexhe-le-Haut-Clocher, Belgium,

have invented certain improvements in

IMPROVEMENT TO THE BLANK HOLDER
FORCE REGULATING SYSTEM IN A PRESS

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the
United States of America therefor on December 23, 1997

and

Whereas, S.C. Recherche et Développement Groupe
Cockerill Sambre of Campus Universitaire du Sart-Tilman,
Boulevard de Colonster B57, B-4000 Liège (assignee),

desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in
the said application and invention, and to any United
States patents to be obtained therefor;

Now, therefore, for valuable consideration, receipt
whereof is hereby acknowledged,

I, Richard KERGEN

hereby sell, assign and transfer to the aforesaid S.C.
Recherche et Développement Groupe Cockerill Sambre
(assignee),

its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and
interest in the said application and the invention therein
disclosed for the United States of America, including the
right to claim priority under 35 U.S. Code 119, and I re-
quest the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters
Patent granted upon the invention set forth in said applic-
ation to the said assignee, its successors and assigns; and
I will execute without further consideration all papers
deemed necessary by said assignee in connection with the
United States when called upon to do so by the said
assignee.

Signed and sealed at *Liège* on *23rd december* 1997

Richard KERGEN

R. Kergen