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Dear Sir:

Please record the attached original document(s) or copy thereof as follows:

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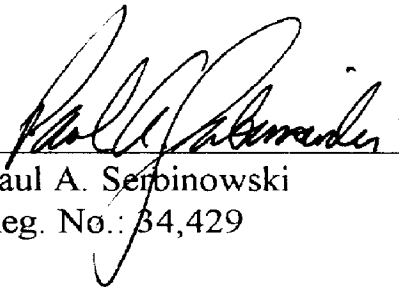
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To my best knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct. Please correspond with Watts, Hoffmann, Fisher & Heinke at the above address.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul A. Serbinowski
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9/2/98

Date

A S S I G N M E N T

IN CONSIDERATION of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Richard D. Hardy and Juan E. Jarufe, citizens of the United States of America and Honduras, respectively, and residing at 27695 Southbridge Circle, Westlake, Ohio 44145 and 4502 Georgette Ave., North Olmsted, Ohio 44070, do hereby sell, transfer, set over and assign unto XIM Products, Inc., a Ohio corporation having its principal place of business at 1169 Bassett Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145, respectively, its successors, assigns, nominees, or other legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention entitled COATINGS WITH INCREASED ADHESION, invented by us and the application for United States patent therefor, executed concurrently herewith, and all original and reissued patents granted therefor, and all divisions and continuations thereof, including the subjects-matter of any and all claims which may be obtained in every such patent, and the right to apply for and obtain patents in countries foreign to the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon in such foreign countries, and authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue the said Letters Patent to the said XIM Products, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, as assignee and owner of the said entire interest, and covenant that we have full right to convey said entire interest herein assigned and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith, and agree that

We will communicate to said XIM Products, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, all facts known to us respecting said invention, whenever requested, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute and deliver all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for the application for such divisional, continuing or reissue applications, or the procuring thereof, and that if and when said XIM Products, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives desire to file a disclaimer relating thereto, we will upon request, sign and deliver all lawful papers requisite for the filing of such disclaimer, and

We further covenant and agree that we will, at any time upon request, do everything legally possible to aid said XIM Products, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, either in its or our own name, to apply for, obtain and enforce proper patent protection in all countries, including priority rights granted to patents in foreign countries according to all the laws and treaties in force, all without further consideration but at the expense of said XIM Products, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives.

Richard D. Hardy
Richard D. Hardy

Juan E. Jarufe
Juan E. Jarufe

State of Ohio)
) ss
County of)

This second day of September, 1998, before me personally came the above-named Richard D. Hardy and Juan E. Jarufe to me personally known as the individuals who executed the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free will for the purpose therein set forth.

Dana L. Mitchell
Notary Public

DANA L. MITCHELL
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