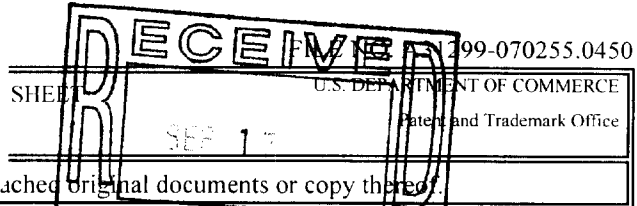


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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, REINER GULICH, BERT JUNIGE, GEORG EISNER and HORST SCHICHT, citizens of Germany residing at Drosselgasse 8, D-38442 Wolfsburg, Gartenstr. 6, D-38543 Hillerse, Posener Str. 20, D-38550 Isenbüttel and Greifswalder Str. 9, D-38518 Gifhorn,, respectively, Germany have made an invention for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled "ARMREST FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE SEAT HAVING A STORAGE COMPARTMENT FOR AN ACCESSORY"; and

WHEREAS, VOLKSWAGEN AG, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Germany, and having an office for the transaction of business at D-38436 Wolfsburg, Germany, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any improvements thereon, and in and to the said application for Letters Patent therefor, and any Letters Patent which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that WE, the said REINER GULICH, BERT JUNIGE, GEORG EISNER and HORST SCHICHT for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States, to us in hand paid by said VOLKSWAGEN AG, and other valuable considerations unto us moving from said VOLKSWAGEN AG, at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said VOLKSWAGEN AG, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled "ARMREST FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE SEAT HAVING A STORAGE COMPARTMENT FOR AN ACCESSORY", executed concurrently herewith, and any and all improvements thereon, and in and to said application and any division, continuation or continuation-in-part thereof, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued on any of said applications, and any reissues thereof, and in and to any and all applications for Letters Patent filed in foreign countries for said invention or improvements including all priority rights, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in foreign countries therefor, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all said Letters Patent may be granted;

AND WE, the said REINER GULICH, BERT JUNIGE, GEORG EISNER and HORST SCHICHT, do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States to said VOLKSWAGEN

AG, as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and benefit of said VOLKSWAGEN AG, its successors and assigns;

AND WE, the said REINER GULICH, BERT JUNIGE, GEORG EISNER and HORST SCHICHT, for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said VOLKSWAGEN AG, its successors and assigns, that we have the full power to make this assignment, and that the rights assigned are not encumbered by any grant, license or right heretofore given, and that we, our executors or administrators, shall and will do all lawful acts and things and make, execute and deliver without further compensation, any and all other instruments in writing, further applications, papers, affidavits, powers of attorney, assignments, and other documents which, in the opinion of counsel for said VOLKSWAGEN AG, its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary more effectively to secure to and vest in said VOLKSWAGEN AG, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges, and advantages hereby sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and that we will sign any applications for reissue which may be desired by the owner of the patent or patents which may be issued for the said invention or improvements.

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