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# ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION FOR PATENT

WHEREAS, WE, Wayne E. Gruben, of 59 Pamona Drive, Bella Vista, <sup>AR</sup>~~AK~~ 72715, U.S.A., Peter S. Schulte, of 10 Truman Drive, East Dubuque, IL, 61025, U.S.A., and James P. Schwingle of 512 South Main Street, Cuba City, WI, 53807, U.S.A., respectively, have invented and own a certain new and useful invention entitled:

## CURTAIN BOTTOM TENSIONING ASSEMBLY

for which invention we have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States which was filed on 7/24/96, under Serial No. 08/686,995; and

WHEREAS, **RITE-HITE HOLDING CORPORATION**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and having a principal place of business at 8900 North Arbon Drive, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53223-0043 (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire domestic and foreign right, title, and interest in and under the invention described in the application for Letters Patent.

**NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:** Be it known that for good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, we have assigned and set over, and by this document do assign and set over, to the Assignee and the Assignee's legal representatives, successors and assigns the entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention in the United States and every foreign country, the applications for Letters Patent and other such applications (e.g., continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals and reissues) in the United States and every foreign country, and the Letters Patents or extensions thereof, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue thereon; and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the Letters Patent in the United States to the above-mentioned Assignee agreeably with the terms of this assignment document.

**WE HEREBY AUTHORIZE** the above-mentioned Assignee to insert in this assignment document the filing date and serial number of the application if the date and number are unavailable at the time this document is executed.

**UPON SAID CONSIDERATION**, we convey to the Assignee the right to make application in its own behalf for protection of the invention in countries foreign to the United States and where expedient to claim under the International Convention or other international arrangement for any such application the date of the United States application (or other application if any there be) in priority to other applications.

**WE DO HEREBY COVENANT** and agree with the Assignee that we will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with the terms of this assignment document set forth herein, and that we will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the Assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as the Assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the Assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, continuation, renewal, reissued, or extended

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands on the dates shown below.

Date 14 May 98 Wayne E Gruben  
Wayne E. Gruben

STATE OF Arkansas )  
COUNTY OF Benton ) SS:

On this 14 day of May, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for said county, appeared Wayne E. Gruben, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing assignment document, and acknowledged that he signed and delivered the document as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Date 6 MAY 1998 Peter S. Schulte  
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