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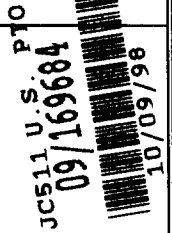
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Duane Niemeyer of 675-A North Chestnut, Breese, Illinois 62230, have invented certain new and useful improvements in CONTAINER WITH HINGED LID ASSEMBLY for which I have this same day executed an application for Letters Patent in the United States identifying me as the sole inventor thereof (said application being identified as Howell & Haferkamp, L.C., Docket 1013-5827); and

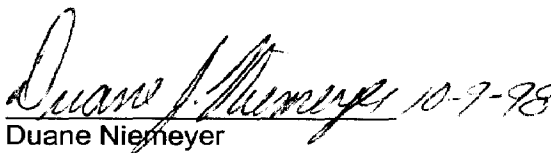
WHEREAS, Contico International, Inc., a corporation of the State of Missouri having its principal office and place of business at 1101 North Warson Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63132, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements as disclosed in said application, in and to said application, and in and to the patent to be obtained thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of all of which are hereby acknowledged, I, Duane Niemeyer, have sold, assigned and transferred and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Contico International, Inc., its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements as the same are disclosed in said application which was executed by me concurrently herewith preparatory to filing for Letters Patent, in and to said application, and in and to any Letters Patent, including divisionals, continuations, reissues, reexaminations and extensions to be obtained therefor in the United States and all foreign countries; and I further agree to cooperate with the assignee hereunder in the obtaining and sustaining of any and all such Letters Patent as the assignee may desire to apply for, but at the expense of said assignee.

The Commissioner of Patents or other proper official is hereby authorized and requested to issue said Letters Patent to said Contico International, Inc. in accordance with this Assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand the 9 day of

OCTOBER 1998.


Duane Niemeyer

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On this 9th day of OCTOBER 1998 before me, a Notary Public, within and for the County of ST. LOUIS, State of MISSOURI, personally appeared Duane Niemeyer, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date and year last above written.

Gail A. Peters
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: *July 2, 2001*

**Gail A. Peters - Notary Public
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