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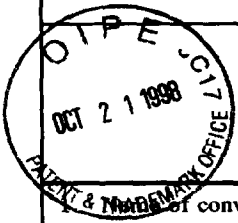


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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):  
Name: **ACCO Brands, Inc.**  
Address: **300 Tower Parkway  
Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069**

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Ross Nigel Lovegrove, citizen of Great Britain, residing at 21 Powis Terrace, London, England W11 1JJ; Luke Neil Pearson, citizen of Great Britain, residing at 39-41 Folgate Street, London, England E1 6BX; Peter Granville Russell-Clark, citizen of Great Britain, residing at 66 Antrim Road, London, England NW3 4XL; and Stephan Peter James Pfanner, citizen of Australia, residing at 925 W. Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60622, ASSIGNORS, are the inventors of the invention in STAPLER for which we have executed an application for a Patent of the United States

which is executed on  even date herewith or  \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

which is identified by Pennie & Edmonds LLP docket no. 6551-1149  
 which was filed on May 29, 1998, Application No. 29/088,707

and WHEREAS, ACCO Brands, Inc., having a place of business at 300 Tower Parkway, Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069, ASSIGNEE is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said ASSIGNORS, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said United States application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year set opposite our respective signatures.

Date 20<sup>th</sup> September, 1998 Ross Nigel Lovegrove L.S.  
State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.:  
Ross Nigel Lovegrove

On this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Ross Nigel Lovegrove to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public.

Date 11 September, 1998 Luke Neil Pearson L.S.  
State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) SS.:  
Luke Neil Pearson

On this 11 day of September, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Luke Neil Pearson to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public.

Date 16. SEPT. 98, 1998 *Peter Granville Russell-Clarke* L.S.  
Peter Granville Russell-Clarke

State of )  
County of ) SS.:

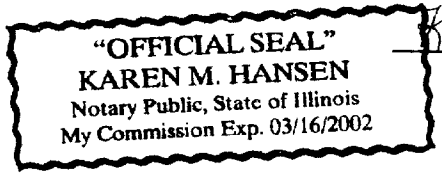
On this 16 day of Sept., 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Peter Granville Russell-Clarke to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

*[Signature]*  
Notary Public.

Date 8-20, 1998 *Stephan Peter James Pfanner* L.S.  
Stephan Peter James Pfanner

State of ILLINOIS )  
County of COOK ) SS.:

On this 18th day of AUGUST, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Stephan Peter James Pfanner to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.



*Karen M. Hansen*  
Notary Public.