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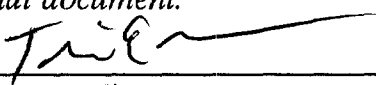


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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS WE, William E. Edstrom, and Peter S. Planton, have made a certain new and useful invention for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States, which application may be identified in the United States Patent Office as Serial No. _____, filing date _____ and, entitled: LATCH MECHANISM AND QUICK-CONNECT COUPLING USABLE WITH AUTOMATIC WATER DOCKING SYSTEM FOR CAGE AND RACK SYSTEMS (Executed: October 13, 1998)

WHEREAS, Edstrom Industries, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and having its principal place of business in Waterford, Wisconsin, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in and to said invention, said application and the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration to us in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned, and set over and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, and set over unto the said Edstrom Industries, Inc., and said assignee's legal representatives, successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all applications including the aforesaid application for Letters Patent heretofore and hereafter filed in the United States or any other country and which may be based in whole or in part on said inventions and discoveries, and in and to any and all Letters Patent heretofore or hereafter granted by the United States or any other country and which may be based in whole or in part on said inventions and discoveries, said assignment including the right to file and prosecute any and all such applications and also including the right to sue and recover for any and all infringements of said patents; and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the above-mentioned assignee agreeably with the terms of this assignment.

WE HEREBY AUTHORIZE the above-mentioned assignee to insert in this instrument the filing date and serial number of our said application.

UPON SAID CONSIDERATION, we do hereby covenant for ourselves and our heirs, legal representatives and assigns that neither we nor any of our said heirs, legal representatives or assigns have or will execute any instrument or perform any act in conflict herewith and that we or our said heirs, legal representatives and assigns will at all times do such acts and execute such papers, without expense to ourselves, as may be necessary or desirable in order to fully protect said inventions and discoveries for the benefit of said assignee, its successors or assigns, and to otherwise carry into full force and effect the text and interest of this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals this 13 day of DEC, 1998.

William E. Edstrom Sr. (SEAL)
William E. Edstrom, Sr.

Peter S. Planton (SEAL)
Peter S. Planton

State of Wisconsin)
County of Racine) ss.

On this 13th day of October, 1998 before me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared **William E. Edstrom, Sr., and Peter S. Planton**, who are personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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My Commission Expires: 11/2/98 (SEAL)

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