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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, WE, ROLF MINTGEN, WOLFGANG ROTHE, DIRK RENNECKE, ANDREAS RITTER, and MARCO GEHLEN, citizens of Germany, residing at Bahnhofstr. 27, 56743 Thür, Germany; Lärchenstrasse 7, 53578 Windhagen, Germany; Sandweg 14, 56626 Andernach, Germany; Hauptstrasse 11, 5626 Hilgert, Germany; and Hauptstrasse 5, 54570 Niederstadtfeld, Germany, respectively, have made an invention entitled "BLOCKABLE PISTON-CYLINDER UNIT", as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/124,443, filed July 29, 1998; and

WHEREAS, STABILUS GmbH, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Germany, and having an office for the transaction of business at Wallersheimer Weg 100, 56070 Koblenz, 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 ROLF MINTGEN, WOLFGANG ROTHE, DIRK RENNECKE, ANDREAS RITTER, and MARCO GEHLEN, 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 STABILUS GmbH, and other valuable considerations unto us moving from said STABILUS GmbH, 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 STABILUS GmbH, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention entitled "BLOCKABLE PISTON-CYLINDER UNIT", as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/124,443, filed July 29, 1998, 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 ROLF MINTGEN, WOLFGANG ROTHE, DIRK RENNECKE, ANDREAS RITTER, and MARCO GEHLEN, do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States

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

AND WE, the said ROLF MINTGEN, WOLFGANG ROTHE, DIRK RENNECKE, ANDREAS RITTER, and MARCO GEHLEN, for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said STABILUS GmbH, 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 STABILUS GmbH, its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary more effectively to secure to and vest in said STABILUS GmbH, 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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