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# ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION AND OF LETTERS PATENT

WHEREAS, I, Robert D. Gruber , residing at 812 Beech Lane, New Lenox, Illinois 60451, and I, Allen B. Kautz, residing at 213 S. Erie Street, Wheaton, Illinois 60187 , have invented certain improvements in a RACK WITH TREE ATTACHMENT and have executed an application for United States Letters Patent therefor on 11/4/, 1998; and 11/4/, 1998, respectively, and

WHEREAS, Interlake Material Handling, Inc., a Delaware corporation having offices at 1240 Diehl Road, Suite 200, Naperville, IL 60563 U.S.A. (including its successors and assigns), desires to acquire my entire right, title, and interest in said application and invention and any United States and foreign patents to be obtained therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, for One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby sell, assign, and transfer to Interlake Material Handling, Inc. the entire right, title and interest in said application and the invention disclosed therein for the United States of America and all countries foreign thereto, including rights of priority under the International Convention of Paris (1883) as amended and the entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all patent applications, patents, continuations, continuations-in-part, and reissues based thereon which may be filed or granted therefor in the United States or any foreign country. I also agree that Interlake Material Handling, Inc. may apply for foreign Letters Patent on the invention, and I agree to cooperate with Interlake Material Handling, Inc. and to execute without

additional consideration any additional documents as deemed necessary by Interlake Material Handling, Inc. to apply for or maintain patents or other legal protection for the invention in any country of the world.

I request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any Letters Patent granted upon the invention set forth in the application to Interlake Material Handling, Inc.

Signed and sealed at NAPERVILLE, IL on 11-4, 1998

Robert D. Gruber

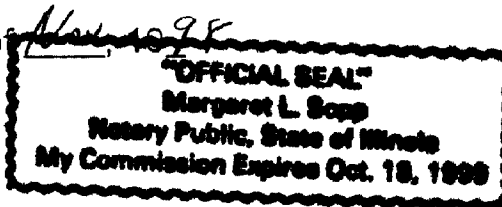
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