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**David J. Ritch
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Alan M. Vale
Kristine R. Chan-Lizardo**
Additional conveying party(ies) attached? **NO**

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):
**Steelcase Inc.
901 - 44th Street, S.E.
P.O. Box 1967
Grand Rapids, MI 49501-1967**
Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? **NO**

3. Nature of conveyance:
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29/088,145
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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:
**David J. Bates
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6. Total number of applications/patents involved: **1**
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David J. Bates _____ *David J. Bates* _____ **7/31/98**
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ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, David J. Ritch of 20651 Seaboard Road, Malibu, CA 90265, and **Mark Saffell** of 2104 North Ardmore, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266, and **Steven P. Vassallo** of 3011 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, CA 94306, and **Alan M. Vale** of 1669K Belleville Way, Sunnyvale, CA 94087, and **Kristine R. Chan-Lizardo** of 707 Leahy, Apt. 310A, Redwood City, CA 94061, (hereinafter referred to singly and collectively as "ASSIGNOR") have jointly invented a certain invention entitled **CHAIR** (Atty. Dkt. No. 26167-498) for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on May 15, 1998 as Application No. 29/088,145; and

WHEREAS, Steelcase Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of MI, and having its principal place of business at 901 - 44th Street, S.E., P.O. Box 1967, Grand Rapids, MI 49501-1967 (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring the entire interest therein;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR has sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents hereby sells, assigns, and transfers, unto ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to (a) the above-identified invention or inventions and all improvements and modifications thereof, (b) the above-identified application and all other applications for Letters Patent of the United States and countries foreign thereto for the above-identified invention or inventions and all improvements and modifications thereof, (c) all Letters Patent which may issue from said applications in the United States and countries foreign thereto, (d) all divisions, continuations, reissues, and extensions of said applications and Letters Patent, and (e) the right to claim for any of said applications the full benefits and priority rights under the International Convention and any other international agreement to which the United States adheres; such right, title, and interest to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all such Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR had this Assignment not been made.

ASSIGNOR HEREBY AUTHORIZES AND REQUESTS the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to ASSIGNEE as assignee of the entire interest, for the sole use and benefit of ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns.

ASSIGNOR HEREBY AGREES (a) to communicate to ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, or their representatives or agents, all facts and information known or available to ASSIGNOR respecting said invention or inventions, improvements, and modifications including evidence for interference, reexamination, reissue, opposition, revocation, extension, or infringement purposes or other legal, judicial, or administrative proceedings, whenever requested by ASSIGNEE; (b) to testify in person or by affidavit as required by ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, in any such proceeding in the United States or a country foreign thereto; (c) to execute and deliver, upon request by ASSIGNEE, all lawful papers including, but not limited to, original, divisional, continuation, and reissue applications, renewals, assignments, powers of attorney, oaths, affidavits, declarations, depositions; and (d) to provide all reasonable assistance to ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, in obtaining and enforcing proper

title in and protection for said invention or inventions, improvements, and modifications under the intellectual property laws of the United States and countries foreign thereto.

ASSIGNOR HEREBY REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS that ASSIGNOR has the full and unencumbered right to sell, assign, and transfer the interests sold, assigned, and transferred herein, and that ASSIGNOR has not executed and will not execute any document or instrument in conflict herewith.

ASSIGNOR HEREBY GRANTS to the law firm of FOLEY & LARDNER the power and authority to insert in this Assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this Assignment.

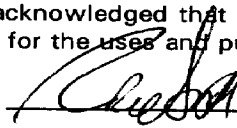
ASSIGNOR UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES that the attorneys and agents of the law firm of FOLEY & LARDNER do not personally represent ASSIGNOR or ASSIGNOR's legal interests, but instead represent the interests of ASSIGNEE; since said attorneys and agents cannot provide legal advice to ASSIGNOR with respect to this Assignment, ASSIGNOR acknowledges its right to seek its own independent legal counsel.

Executed this 10 day of JULY, 1998


David J. Ritch

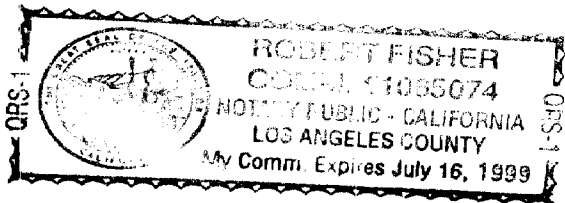
State of California)
County of Los Angeles) ss.

On this 10 day of July, 1998, before me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared David J. Ritch, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and he/she acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed, and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.


Notary Public

(Seal)

My Commission Expires: 7-16-99



Executed this 10 day of July, 1998

Mark Saffell

Mark Saffell

State of California

County of Los Angeles ss.

On this 10 day of July, 1998, before me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared **Mark Saffell**, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and he/she acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed, and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Robert Fisher

Notary Public



My Commission Expires: 7-16-99

Executed this 26 day of July, 1998.

Steven P. Vassallo

Steven P. Vassallo

State of California

County of Santa Clara ss.

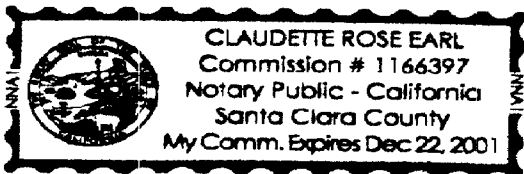
On this 20th day of July, 1998, before me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared **Steven P. Vassallo**, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and he/~~she~~ acknowledged that he/~~she~~ signed, sealed, and delivered the said instrument as his/~~her~~ free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Claudette Rose Earl

Notary Public

(Seal)

My Commission Expires: December 22, 2001



Executed this 20 day of July, 1998.

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Alan M. Vale

State of California)
County of Santa Clara) ss.

On this 20th day of July, 1998, before me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared Alan M. Vale, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and he/~~she~~ acknowledged that he/~~she~~ signed, sealed, and delivered the said instrument as his/~~her~~ free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Notary Public

(Seal)



My Commission Expires: December 22, 2001

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[Signature]
Kristine R. Chan-Lizardo

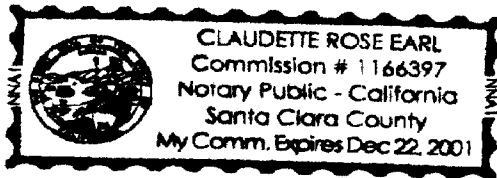
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County of Santa Clara) ss.

On this 20th day of July, 1998, before me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared Kristine R. Chan-Lizardo, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and he/~~she~~ acknowledged that he/~~she~~ signed, sealed, and delivered the said instrument as his/~~her~~ free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Notary Public

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