



**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, we, Bertrand Vachon, residing at 2796 Chemin De L'aéroport, Thetford Mings, Quebec, Canada G6G 5R7, Jay J. Kakuk, residing at 500 Sycamore Lane North, Plymouth, Minnesota 55441, Darren Redetzke, residing at 744 Cortland Circle, Shakopee, Minnesota 55379 and Darrell W. Hinklin, residing at 6345 Minnewashta Woods Drive, Excelsior, Minnesota 55331 made certain new and useful inventions and improvements for which we filed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on August 28, 1998, application Serial No. 29/092,861, which is entitled MULTI-PORT HOPPER EXHAUST APPARATUS.

AND WHEREAS, The Toro Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, and having an office and place of business at 8111 Lyndale Avenue South, Bloomington, Minnesota 55420 (hereinafter "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions, improvements and application and in and to the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest for all countries in and to all inventions and improvements disclosed in the aforesaid application, and in and to the application, all divisions, continuations, or renewals thereof, all Letters Patent which may be granted therefrom, and all reissues or extensions of such patents, and in and to any and all applications which have been or shall be filed in any foreign countries for Letters Patent on the inventions and improvements, including an assignment of all rights under the provisions of the International Convention, and all Letters Patent of foreign countries which may be granted therefrom; and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all United States Letters Patent for the aforesaid inventions and improvements to the Assignee as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the use of the Assignee, its successors and assigns.

AND, for the consideration aforesaid, we do hereby agree that we and our executors and legal representatives will make, execute and deliver any and all other instruments in writing including any and all further application papers, affidavits, assignments and other documents, and will communicate to said Assignee, its successors and representatives all facts known to us relating to said improvements and



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12 day of

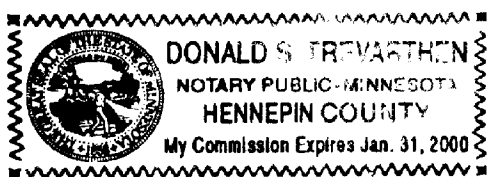
Nov., 1998.

Jay J. Kakuk  
Jay J. Kakuk

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN ) ss.

On this 12 day of NOVEMBER, 1998, before me personally appeared Jay J. Kakuk to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

[SEAL]



Donald S. TrevARTHEN  
Notary Public

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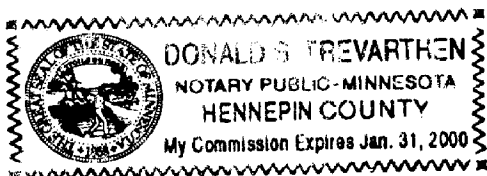
November, 1998.

Darren Redetzke  
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STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN ) ss.

On this 12th day of NOVEMBER, 1998, before me personally appeared Darren Redetzke to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

[SEAL]



Donald S. TrevARTHEN  
Notary Public

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 13 day of

November, 1998.

*Darrell W. Hinklin*

Darrell W. Hinklin

STATE OF MINNESOTA )  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN ) ss.

On this 12th day of NOVEMBER, 1998, before me personally appeared Darrell W. Hinklin to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

[SEAL]

*Donald S. Trevarthen*

Notary Public

