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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Henry J. Lee, a citizen of the U.S.A. residing at 105 Azalea Drive, Summerville, SC 29485; T. Payton Crosby, a citizen of the U.S.A., residing at 221 Silverhill Road, Walterboro, SC 29488; Jeff Clegg, a citizen of the U.S.A., residing at 8690 D'Iberville Drive West, Mobile, AL 36695; and Rachel Kramer, a citizen of the U.S.A., residing at 3351 Forest Glen Drive, Charleston, SC 29414 (hereafter jointly and severally referred to as the undersigned), are the inventors of WEAR RESISTANT DESIGN FOR HIGH TEMPERATURE PAPER MACHINE APPLICATIONS.

AND, WHEREAS, Asten, Inc., a Delaware corporation, having its principal place of business at 4399 Corporate Road, Charleston, SC 29423-8001, U.S.A. (hereafter referred to as the assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in said invention, all applications for and all letters patent issued on said invention.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), receipt of which is acknowledged by the undersigned, and other good and valuable consideration, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, do hereby sell, assign and transfer to the assignee and assignee's assigns, successors and legal representatives the entire right, title and interest in said invention together with all patent applications thereon including, but not limited to, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/081,661 filed April 14, 1998 and the application for United Sates Letters Patent as entitled above and identified by attorney docket number ADF-2.53.1 which the undersigned executed concurrently herewith, the right to claim priority under statute, regulation, treaty or the Paris Convention and in all letters patent, including all reissues or reexaminations thereof, throughout the world.

It is agreed that the undersigned shall be legally bound, upon request of the assignee, to supply all information and evidence relating to the making and practice of said invention, to testify in any legal proceeding relating thereto, to execute all instruments proper to patent the invention throughout the world for the benefit of the assignee, and to execute all instruments proper to carry out the intent of this Assignment.

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The undersigned warrants that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance. EXECUTED under seal on this 14 day of 30Ly, 1998 at SUMMERLYIUE S.C. Witness: SS. On this 14 day of July , 1998 before me personally appeared Henry J. Lee, to me known to be one of the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same knowingly and willingly and for the purposes therein contained. Witness my hand and Notarial seal the day and year immediately above written.

My Commission Expires:

Notary Public, South Carolina State at Large My Commission Expires July 24, 2000

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The undersigned warrants that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance.
EXECUTED under seal on this day of fifther 1998 at
Witness: Danny & Landy (L.S.) T. Payton Crosby
State of South Caroline
ss.
County of Colleton
On this order day of September, 1998 before me
personally appeared T. Payton Crosby, to me known to be one of the
persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and
acknowledged that he executed the same knowingly and willingly and
for the purposes therein contained.
Witness my hand and Notarial seal the day and year immediately above written.
James & Dandurdo
My Commission Expires:
May 24, 2004

The undersigned warrants that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance.
EXECUTED under seal on this of day of Nowesk , 1998 at Mostin Az
Witness: Jeff Clegg (L.S.)
State of Habama
ss.
County of Monte
On this day of Market, , 1998 before me personally appeared Jeff Clegg, to me known to be one of the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same knowingly and willingly and for the purposes therein contained.
Witness my hand and Notarial seal the day and year immediately above written.
Notary Public My Commission Expires:
Ty Committee Inputes.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 13, 2002

The undersigned warrants that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance.
EXECUTED under seal on this day of _September, 1998 at
Witness:
Panny & Donebucky Packel Kramer (L.S.) Rajchel Kramer
State of South Carolina
ss.
County of Colleton
On this 2nd day of September, 1998 before me
personally appeared Rachel Kramer, to me known to be one of the
persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and
acknowledged that she executed the same knowingly and willingly and
for the purposes therein contained.
Witness my hand and Notarial seal the day and year immediately
above written.
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My Commission Expires: Notary Public
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