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WHEREAS, we, Luthar Winzen of Erzbischof-Philipp-Straße 11, 52525 Heinsberg, Germany, Wolfgang Radermacher of Angestellter, Con-Agris-Straße 16, 41844 Wegberg, Germany, and Hans-Josef Schröder of Biesenhof 18, 41179 Mönchengladbach, Germany, have invented certain improvements in OPEN-END SPINNING DEVICE FOR PRODUCING Z- OR S-TWISTED YARNS for which I have executed an application for United States Letters Patent as dated below; and whereas W. Schlafhorst AG & Co., a limited partnership of the Federal Republic of Germany, having a principal place of business at Blumenberger Strassen 143-145, 41061 Mönchengladbach, Germany, desires to purchase the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations paid by the said W. Schlafhorst AG & Co., the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I have agreed to and by these presents to hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the said W. Schlafhorst AG & Co., its successors and assigns in and for the United States and its territories and for foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, in and to the invention therein set forth and in and to any patent which may issue on said application, or any reissue, renewal, division, or continuation of said patent or application; and I hereby bind myself, my heirs, legal representatives, administrators and assigns properly to execute without further consideration, any and all applications, petitions, oaths and assignments or other papers and instruments which may be necessary to carry into full force and effect the sale, assignment, transfer and conveyance hereby made or intended to be made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this _____ day of

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Wolfgang Radermacher (SEAL)
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