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WHEREAS:

FULL NAMES(S) AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS(S) OF INVENTOR(S) (including country)

Norbert Marx, Monschauer Landstrasse 49, 52355 Düren, Germany; and Günter Nägler, Neusener Strasse 60, 52249 Eschweiler, Germany

TITLE OF INVENTION

(hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR), have invented and own a certain invention entitled: "SLIDE, PARTICULARLY PIPE BRIDGE SLIDE"

DOCKET NO. OR SERIAL NO. AND DATE OF EXECUTION OF APPLICATION

for which application for United States Letters Patent identified as Serial No. 08/819,920 and filed on March 18, 1997, and,

WHEREAS:

FULL NAME AND ADDRESS (including country) OF ASSIGNEE

Zimmermann & Jansen GmbH, Bahnstrasse 52, 52355 Düren, Germany

(hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), has equitable rights in and to this invention and desires to confirm such rights and to acquire all right, title and interest in and to this invention, including any and all United States Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained therefor.

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DATE OF SIGNING

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I/We have hereunto set hand and seal this 26. AUG. 1997.

SIGNATURE(S) The signature(s) must correspond with the name(s) of the inventor(s) above.

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