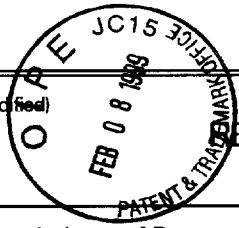


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WHEREAS, Robert J. VOSS of 17440 Ash Street, Fountain Valley, California 92608, and **Kelly L. Murphy** of 4415 Spring Meadow Place, Jamestown, North Carolina 27282, (hereinafter referred to singly and collectively as "ASSIGNOR") have jointly invented a certain invention entitled **BOTTOM RAIL WEIGHT AND BALANCING SYSTEM** (Atty. Dkt. No. 77056-287) for which an application for United States Letters Patent was executed by ASSIGNOR concurrently herewith; and

WHEREAS, NEWELL OPERATING CO., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having its principal place of business at 29 East Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois 61032 (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.

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Executed this 5 day of January, 1999.

Robert J. VOSS

Robert J. VOSS

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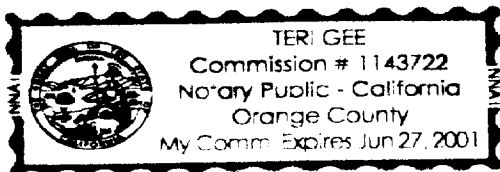
On this 5 day of January, 1999, before me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared Robert J. VOSS, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and he/she acknowledged that he/she signed, sealed, and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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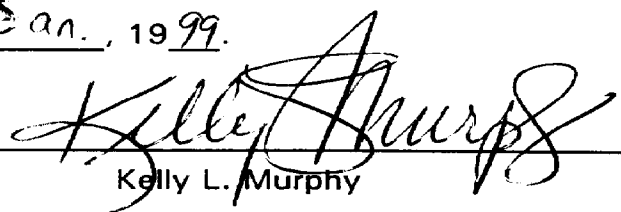
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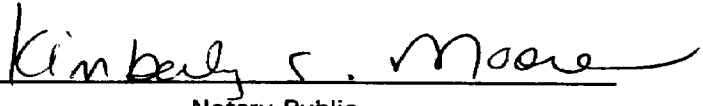
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Kelly L. Murphy

State of North Carolina)
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On this 25th day of Jan., 1999, before me, a notary public in and for said county, appeared **Kelly L. Murphy**, 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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