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WHEREAS, Scott K. Thompson, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR, has invented and is the owner of an invention entitled "FLEXIBLE COUPLING AND BONDED SUBASSEMBLY INCLUDING A CENTRAL PIVOT BEARING AND VEHICLES UTILIZING SAME", said invention being fully set forth and described in the application for Letters Patent of the United States which has been prepared in connection with said invention, and which has been signed by the ASSIGNORS concurrently herewith; and

WHEREAS, LORD CORPORATION, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and engaged in business at Post Office Box 8012, Cary, North Carolina 27512-8012, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the said invention and any and all applications for Letters Patent and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be issued therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that for valuable consideration, I have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to all Letters Patent of the United States and all foreign countries or reissues and reexaminations thereof which may be granted thereof or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me if this assignment and sale had not been made.

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I hereby authorize and request the following attorneys to insert here in parenthesis (Application Number 09 / 232,925, filed January 19, 1999) the filing date and application number of said application when known.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

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On this 1 day of February, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for the state and county aforesaid, appeared **Scott K. Thompson**, known to me to be the person described in the foregoing instrument, who signed the instrument in my presence, and desired the same to be acknowledged as his free act and deed.

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