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WHEREAS, We, **DOUGLAS E. BACHMAN** and **ALTON F. DOODY**, are the joint inventors of **SLAT WALL DEATH CARE MERCHANDISE DISPLAY UNIT WITH CATEGORY DELINEATOR**, application for United States Letters Patent Serial No. 09/205,579, filed December 4, 1998; and

WHEREAS, **THE YORK GROUP, Inc.**, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention throughout the world, and all right, title and interest in, to and under any and all Letters Patent of the United States and all other countries throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid by **THE YORK GROUP, INC.** and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to **THE YORK GROUP, INC.**, all right, title and interest in and to the said invention throughout the world, and said application for U.S. Letters Patent, and any and all divisions, continuations, and reissues thereof, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be granted therefor, the same to be held and enjoyed by **THE YORK GROUP, INC.** for its own use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, to the end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent of the United States or foreign countries are or may be granted or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made.

And we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States on said invention or resulting from said application and from any and all divisions, continuations, and reissues thereof, to **THE YORK GROUP, INC.**, as assignee of our entire interest, and hereby covenant that we have the full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

And we further hereby covenant and agree that we will, at any time, upon request, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title of said invention and to such Letters Patent as may be granted therefor, to **THE YORK GROUP, INC.**, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives and that if **THE YORK GROUP, INC.**, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives shall desire to file any divisional or continuation applications or to secure a reissue of such Letters Patent, or to file a disclaimer relating thereto, will upon request, sign all papers, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for the filing of such divisional or continuation application, or such application for reissue and the procuring thereof, and for the filing of such disclaimer, without further compensation but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, or other legal representatives.

And we do further covenant and agree that we will, at any time upon request, communicate to **THE YORK GROUP, INC.**, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, such facts relating to said invention and Letters Patent or the file history thereof as may be known to us, and testify as to the same in any interference or other litigation when requested so to do, without further compensation but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, or other legal representatives.

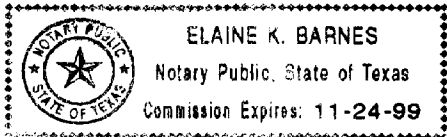
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Douglas E. Bachman  
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **Douglas E. Bachman**, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of office this 10th day of March, 1999.



Elaine K. Barnes  
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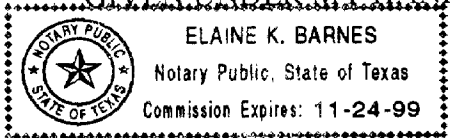
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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared **Alton F. Doody**, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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