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<p>1. Name of conveying party(ies):</p> <p>David C. Griffin</p> <p><i>WRD</i> <i>4-1-99</i></p> <p>Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):</p> <p>The ESAB Group, Inc. Post Office Box 100545 Ebenezer Road Florence, South Carolina 29501-0545</p>
<p>3. Nature of conveyance:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment <input type="checkbox"/> Merger <input type="checkbox"/> Security Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Name <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>Execution Date: <u>February 19, 1999</u></p>	<p>Additional name(s) &amp; address(es) attached? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>4. Application No. <u>09/218,980</u> Patent No. _____</p> <p>If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: _____</p> <p>Additional numbers attached? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:</p> <p>James A. Witherspoon ALSTON &amp; BIRD LLP P. O. Drawer 34009 Charlotte, NC 28234-4009</p>	<p>6. Total number of applications and patents involved: <u>1</u></p> <p>7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) <u>\$40.00</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account</p> <p>8. Deposit account number: 16-0605</p>
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<p>9. Statement and signature <i>To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.</i></p> <p>James A. Witherspoon, Reg. No. 35,723 Name of Person Signing</p> <p><i>James A. W. Witherspoon</i> Signature <u>3/29/99</u> Date</p> <p>Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments and document: <u>3</u></p>	
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## ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by me, **David C. Griffin**, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Florence, South Carolina,

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, I am the sole inventor of certain new and useful improvements in POWER SUPPLY WITH OBLIQUELY IMPINGING AIRFLOW for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 22, 1998, under Application No. 09/218,980, and

WHEREAS, **The ESAB Group, Inc.**, a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at Florence, State of South Carolina, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention as described in said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, 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 the said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof which may be granted therefor 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.

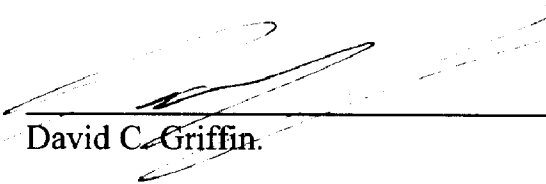
I hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

I further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, I possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that I have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

I further covenant and agree to bind my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns promptly to communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to me relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to execute

any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the assignee, its representatives, successors or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the assignee complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 19 day of February, 1999.

  
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David C. Griffin. (SEAL)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )  
COUNTY OF Florence )

I, Nancy J. Setzer, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that **David C. Griffin** personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 19 day of February, 1999.

(Official Seal)

  
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Notary Public

My commission expires: 8-20-2001