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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Larry DeKraker residing at 14688 Creek Edge Drive, Holland, Michigan 49424 and Kurt R. Heidmann residing at 6932 Linden, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49548 (hereinafter referred to as Assignor), have invented certain new and useful improvements in **FORCE ADJUSTING DEVICE**, for which an application for United States Letters Patent was executed on even date herewith.

WHEREAS, Steelcase Inc., a corporation of the state of Michigan, having a place of business at 901 44th Street, S.E., P.O. Box 1967, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501 (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable considerations, Assignor hereby sells, assigns and transfers unto said Assignee the full and exclusive right, title and interest to the said invention in the United States and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, continuation-in-part, and extensions thereof including the full right to claim for any such applications the benefits of the International Convention.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Patent Office Officials in the United States and in any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said Assignee as the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of said Assignee, its successors and assigns.

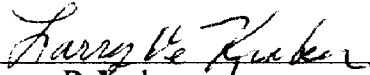
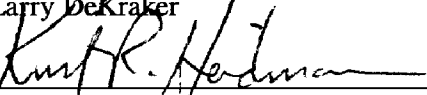
FURTHER, Assignor agrees to communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to Assignor respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, substitution, renewal, and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said Assignee, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands on the date appearing next to our signature.

Witness:

Inventor:

Date:


Larry DeKraker

Kurt R. Heidmann

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