

ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00 U.S.), and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned CHRISTIAN DE GELIS, an individual residing in, and a citizen of, the Country of France, having an address of Colliers, 41500 Muides 3/Loire, France (hereinafter "ASSIGNOR"), by these presents hereby sells, assigns, transfers, conveys and sets over unto LEGGETT & PLATT INCORPORATED (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE") any and all of his right, title, and interest in, to and under:

(i) DE GELIS French Patent No. 92-15927; (ii) DE GELIS U.S. Patent No. 5,528,948 entitled "Actuating Device Provided with a Pull and Resilient Return Jack"; (iii) DE GELIS European Patent No. 0605315; (iv) any and all continuation, continuation-in-part, continuing, divisional, reissue, reexamination, foreign counterpart, Patent Cooperation Treaty, or the like, applications and patents relating to any of said patents, and to actuating devices provided with a pull and resilient return jack; (v) any and all improvements relating thereto developed prior to this Agreement and during the term of any present and/or future consulting agreements between DE GELIS and LEGGETT; (vi) any and all know-how and/or confidential, proprietary, and/or trade secret information relating to any such inventions, applications, patents and/or technology; and (vii) the trademark, trade name, and/or service mark ACTIBED, all variations thereof, all applications and registrations therefor, together with any and all of the goodwill of the business symbolized by and associated with said mark, all other rights associated with the portion of the ongoing and existing business to which the marks pertains;

in and for the United States of America, France, all European countries, and all foreign countries, including all treaty and convention rights, the right to sue for present, past, and future infringement or misappropriation, and all income, royalties, fees, damages, and payments now or hereafter due or payable in respect thereto, the same to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, to the full ends of the terms for which all Letters Patents therefor may be granted, and all trademark registrations which may issue and/or be renewed therefor, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned ASSIGNOR if this assignment and sale had not been made.

And said ASSIGNEE is hereby authorized to make application for and to receive Letters Patent for said invention(s), and certificates of trademark registration for said mark(s), in any of said countries at its election.

And by this covenant the undersigned ASSIGNOR will execute or procure any further necessary assurance of title to said invention(s), and Letters Patent(s), trademark, registrations, property and/or rights; and at any time, upon the request and at the expense of said ASSIGNEE, will execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said any of said property or rights which may be granted therefor in said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, and, upon the request and at the expense of said ASSIGNEE, will execute any additional, divisional, continuation, continuing, or continuation-in-part, applications for patents for said invention(s), or any part or parts thereof, and for the reissue of any Letters Patents to be granted therefor, and will make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for procuring the same or for

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aiding therein, without further compensation, but at the expense of said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives.

And the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, or similarly titled authority, is hereby authorized and requested to issue any and all Letters Patent and registration of the United States, FRANCE, or any other country, for said invention(s) to said ASSIGNEE.

Witness my hand this 23 Feb day of Fevrier, 1999.



ASSIGNOR: Christian De Gelis

County of _____

On this _____ day of _____, 1999, before me personally appeared ASSIGNOR, Christian De Gelis, to me known and known by me to be the above named individual, who duly acknowledged the signing of the foregoing instrument to be a voluntary act and deed and who executed the same for the uses and purposes therein specified.

Notary Public

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