

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS WE, JOHANN WILHELMSTÄTTER, HELMUT JERG, BERND SCHESSL, GERHARD FETZER, MICHAEL HARTMANN, MARKUS HÖPFL, KARL-HEINZ REHM and RUDOLF SCHMIDT, residing respectively at GIENGEN/HÜRZEN, GIENGEN, DILLINGEN, GUNDELFINGEN, HÖCHSTÄDT, LAUINGEN/DONAU, DISCHINGEN and GIENGEN, Germany, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a

DEVICE FOR CONNECTING A SPRING WITH A BELT-SHAPED OR ROPE-SHAPED TRANSMISSION ELEMENT

for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America was filed under application No. 08/821,079 on March 20, 1997.

WHEREAS, BSH BOSCH UND SIEMENS HAUSGERÄTE GMBH, a German corporation doing business at München, Germany, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in said invention, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States that may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that for and in consideration of our employment by the said corporation and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said corporation, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right to the said invention as fully set forth and described in the above-mentioned application, and to said application and any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted therefor, and any and all reissues of said Letters Patent, the same to be held and enjoyed by the said corporation, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted or may be reissued or extended, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this assignment and sale not been made.

AND WE hereby authorize the Commissioner of Patents 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 and continuations thereof to the said corporation as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals.

Alwin Pöschel
WITNESS

Karl-Heinz Rehm
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