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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Paul Whaley, citizen of the United States, resident of the City of Herculaneum, State of Missouri, whose post office address is 245 Reservoir Lane, Herculaneum, Missouri 63048, have invented certain improvements in IMPROVED BOLT ACTION RING BINDER for which we are about to make, and have this day executed, application for Letters Patent of the United States, identified as Attorney's Docket No. 7115;

AND, WHEREAS, U.S. Ring Binder Corp., a Delaware Corporation, with offices at 429 Church Street, New Bedford Massachusetts 02745, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements in IMPROVED BOLT ACTION RING BINDER and all patent rights therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, said Paul Whaley, do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto said U.S. Ring Binder Corp. the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements, and in and to all Letters Patent and patent rights which may be granted or issued for said improvements, in the United States and all foreign countries, and any reissue or extension thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said U.S. Ring Binder Corp., a corporation, 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; and I agree to execute such further applications, powers of attorney, assignments and other documents as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate this Agreement.

AND I DO HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue that said Letters Patent, when granted, to the said U.S. Ring Binder Corp., a corporation, its successors and assigns, as assignees of the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements, for the sole use and behoof of said U.S. Ring Binder Corp., a corporation, and for its successors and assigns, to the full ends of the terms for which Letters Patent may be granted.

AND I further grant to U.S. Ring Binder Corp., a corporation, its successors and assigns, the right to claim for any application for patent for said improvements the full benefit of any international agreement between the United States and any foreign country or countries.

AND my attorney is hereby authorized to insert in this Assignment the Serial No. and filing date of said application, when advised thereof, as follows:

Serial No: \_\_\_\_\_ Filed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 4-19-99 Paul Whaley  
Paul A. Whaley, Inventor

STATE OF MISSOURI     )  
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COUNTY OF JEFFERSON )

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1999, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Paul Whaley, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above Assignment, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, as his own free act and deed.

Marilyn F. Sanders  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

4/27/02  
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