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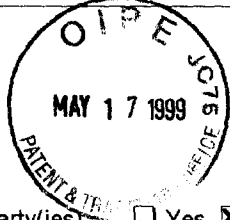


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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):  
**Lynn B. Ziemer**



2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: **Southco, Inc.**

Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: **210 North Brinton Lake Road**

City: **Concordville** State: **PA** ZIP: **19331**

Additional names(s) of conveying party(ies)  Yes  No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment  Merger
- Security Agreement  Change of Name
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Execution Date: **April 29, 1999**

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached?  Yes  No

4. Application number(s) or registration numbers(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s)

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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: **Paul A. Taufer, Esq.**

Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: **Paul & Paul**

**2900 Two Thousand Market Street**

City: **Philadelphia** State: **PA** ZIP: **19103**

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: **1**

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41):.....\$ **40.00**

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8. Deposit account number:

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9. Statement and signature.

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.

**Paul A. Taufer**

**May 12, 1999**

Name of Person Signing

Signature

Date

Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: **2**

**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, I Lynn B. Ziemer, 3 Huntington Farm Drive, Glen Mills, PA 19342 (hereinafter referred to as the undersigned), have invented an improvement in a KNOB FOR LATCHES for which on the date set forth below, the undersigned executed an application for United States Design Patent, filed on March 12, 1999 as US Serial No. 29/101,977,

WHEREAS, Southco, Inc., a corporation of the State of Delaware, and having its principal place of business at 210 North Brinton Lake Road, Concordville, Pennsylvania 19331 (hereinafter referred to as the assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in said invention, said application and all letters patent issuing for said invention,

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and of other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged by the undersigned, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound, does hereby sell, assign and transfer to the assignee and assignee's legal representatives the entire right, title and interest, for the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and for all foreign countries, in said invention, said patent application and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in all letters patent including all reissues thereof, issuing for said invention.

It is agreed that the undersigned shall be legally bound, upon request of the assignee, to supply all information and evidence relating to the making and practice of said invention, to testify in any legal proceeding relating thereto, to execute all instruments proper to patent the invention in the United States and foreign countries in the name of the assignee, and to execute all instruments proper to carry out the intent of this instrument.

The rights and property herein conveyed by the undersigned are free and clear of any encumbrance.

EXECUTED under seal on 29 April, 1999 at Concordville, PA.

Witnesses:

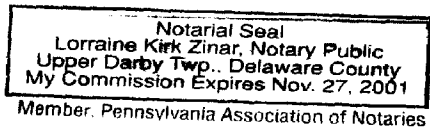
Lorraine Kirk Zinar

Lynn B. Ziemer (L.S.)  
Lynn/B. Ziemer

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania :  
: ss.  
County of Delaware :

On this 29 day of April, 1999, before me personally Lynn B. Ziemer, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

Witness my hand and Notarial seal the day and year immediately written.



Lorraine Kirk Zinar  
Notary Public