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hereof.

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William K. Stout, Jr.

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

Eastern Sheet Metal, Inc.

Internal Address:

Street Address: 8959 Blue Ash Road

City: Cincinnati State: OH ZIP: 45242

Additional name(s) of conveying parties attached?  Yes  No

3. Nature of Conveyance:

- Assignment  Merger
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5. Names and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: Holly D. Kozlowski

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

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Holly D. Kozlowski, Reg. No. 30,468

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, William K. Stout, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at 5050 Clovercrest Court; Mason, Ohio 45040 (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNOR"), have invented a **Sleeve Coupling**, for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States, on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, **Eastern Sheet Metal, Inc.**, of 8959 Blue Ash Road; Cincinnati, Ohio 45242, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio, (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the entire interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, said ASSIGNOR, hereby sell, assign, and transfer and set over, unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under said invention, and said United States application and all divisions, renewals, and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues, reexaminations and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models and designs which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals, reexaminations and reissues thereof;

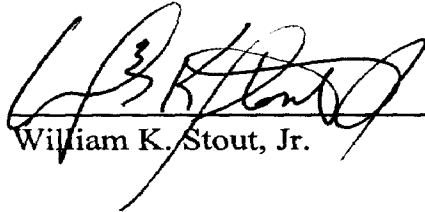
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ASSIGNOR HEREBY grants the firm of DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP the power to insert in this Assignment any further identification or information which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

ASSIGNOR HEREBY covenants and agrees that he/she has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he/she has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

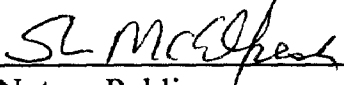
ASSIGNOR HEREBY further covenants and agrees that he/she will communicate to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to them respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue, reexamination and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

Dated: 4-19-99

  
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William K. Stout, Jr.

STATE OF OHIO                        )  
  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF Hamilton                 )

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1999.

  
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Notary Public  
Sherri McElfresh  
My Commission expires Sept 7, 1999

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