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Name: United States Gypsum Company

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

Street Address: 125 S. Franklin

City: Chicago

State: Illinois

Zip: 60606

3. Nature of conveyance:

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**ASSIGNMENT**

Sole Inventorship

**WHEREAS**, David Paul Miller, hereinafter called the "Assignor", has invented a new and useful Air Lance for Smooth Surface Gypsum Fiberboard Panels for a full description of which reference is here made to an application for Letters Patent of the United States executed by him on even date herewith; and

**WHEREAS**, United States Gypsum Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a principal office and place of business at 125 S. Franklin, Chicago, Illinois 60606, hereinafter called the "Assignee", is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, the application above identified, and in, to and under Letters Patent which may be obtained for said invention, as hereinafter more fully set forth;

**NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of \$1.00, other valuable and legally sufficient considerations, the receipt of which by the said Assignor from the said Assignee is hereby acknowledged, said Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and application hereinabove identified, and any Letters Patent of the United States that may issue for said invention as well as all continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions and reissues thereof, and any Letters Patent therefor in all countries foreign to the United States; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the said Assignee, its successors and assigns to the full end of the term for which any and all of said Letters Patent for said invention may issue.

And the said Assignor does hereby covenant and agree, for himself and his legal representatives, that he will assist his said Assignee in the prosecution of the application herein identified; in the making and prosecution of any other applications for Letters Patent that the Assignee may elect to make covering the invention herein identified, as hereinbefore set forth, including any application for reissue, application for reexamination, or any proceeding in the United States Patent and Trademark Office affecting said invention; investing in the said Assignee like exclusive title in and to all such other applications and Letters Patent; and in the prosecution of any interference or reexamination which may arise involving said invention, or any application

or Letters Patent herein contemplated; and that he will execute and deliver to the said Assignee any and all additional papers which may be requested by the said Assignee to fully carry out the terms of said assignment.

And the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue Letters Patent to the said Assignee in accordance with the terms of this assignment.

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, the said Assignor has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal, on the date indicated below.

Date: May 11, 1999

David Paul Miller  
David Paul Miller

STATE OF ILLINOIS            )  
  ) SS:  
COUNTY OF LAKE            )

Before me personally appeared David Paul Miller, who is personally known to me, whose name is subscribed to the above and foregoing instrument, and acknowledge that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument for the uses and purposes herein set forth this 12 day of MAY, 1999.

Sandra J. Krajecki  
Notary Public

