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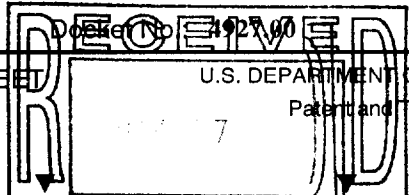


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WHEREAS I, **Konrad Welfonder** (the "Inventor"), residing at Loischstrasse 23, 27574 Bremerhaven, Germany, am the sole inventor of an invention in **Corner assembly for a frame**, for which invention a European patent application with serial number **98200762.7** was filed in the European Patent Office on 11 March 1998, and I am entitled to assign my entire right, title and interest world-wide in and to the invention and any intellectual property protection for the invention, including the European patent application therefor; and

WHEREAS HUNTER DOUGLAS INDUSTRIES BV (the "Company"), having a place of business at Piekstraat 2, 3071 EL Rotterdam, The Netherlands, is desirous of obtaining my entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and any intellectual property protection for the invention, including the European patent application therefor, world-wide;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of two Dutch Guilders (NLG 2,00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, I hereby sell, assign and transfer to the Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, my entire right, title and interest world-wide in and to the invention and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models and designs, whether original, divisional, continuation, renewal, reissue, or the like, now on file or subsequently filed, for the invention world-wide, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for such applications the priority rights derived from the European patent application under any national or international intellectual property laws or agreements and any industrial property protection including, without limitation, patents, utility models and designs, now or hereafter granted, for the invention world-wide, and any extensions, renewals, reissues or the like thereof.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand the day, month and year opposite my signature below.

21.10.1958
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Konrad Welfonder
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THE COMPANY hereby acknowledges the previous statements of the Inventor and accepts his/her assignment.

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9-11-1958
(Date)

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