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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, Steven D. Peterkort, the undersigned assignor having his residence as set forth below, have an invention for:

**LOCKING FASTENER ASSEMBLY FOR THREADED JOINT**

as described and set forth in the application filed on September 28, 1998 and bearing U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/168,326; and

WHEREAS, OKABE CORPORATION INC. (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), a company organized under the laws of Illinois, 645 Forest Edge Drive, Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061-3106 desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, improvements, application and any Letters Patents which may be granted therefor or thereupon, together with any and all divisions, continuations, reissues and extensions thereof in all countries throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, improvements, and into said application and any Letters Patents which may be granted therefor or thereupon, together with any and all divisions, continuations, reissues and extensions thereof, and I authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent which may be granted for or upon said invention or applications, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as my interest is concerned, unto Assignee in accordance with this Assignment.

I also assign to Assignee, all right, title and interest in and to the invention disclosed in said application throughout the world, including the right to file applications and obtain patents, utility models, industrial models and designs throughout the world, including all rights to publish cautionary notices reserving ownership of said invention and all rights to register said invention in appropriate registries; and I further agree to execute any and all powers of attorney, applications, assignments, declarations, affidavits, and any other papers in connection therewith necessary to perfect such right, title and interest in Assignee.

I will communicate to Assignee, its successors and assigns or their representatives, any facts known to me respecting said invention and improvements; and, at the expense of Assignee, I will testify in any legal proceedings relating thereto, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and substitute applications, make all rightful oaths and declarations, and, in addition, execute any and all documents required to vest title in Assignee and to aid Assignee to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

I covenant that I have the full right to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment, and I have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict with this Assignment.

This Assignment shall be binding on the parties' successors, assigns and legal representatives.

Signature of Inventor: *Steven D. Peterkort*

Inventor's Name: Steven D. Peterkort

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Date: 7/8/99

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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