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ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Gerhard Balve and Franz-Josef Püttmann

(hereinafter referred to as Assignor(s)) assign(s) to Tracto-Technik Paul Schmidt Spezialmaschinen (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), a German corporation, having a principal place of business at Reiherstrasse 2, D-57368, Lennestadt, Federal Republic of Germany, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in Assignor's(s') invention or improvement in Positive Connection Between A Pipe And A Ring Inserted Into The Pipe and in the application for Letters Patent of the United States therefor, filed on June 30, 1999, and assigned Serial No. 09/343,812, and any and all other United States applications and applications in any and all countries which Assignor(s) may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States or of any other country which may be obtained or any of the said applications, and in any division, continuation, reexamination, renewal, reissue or extension thereof.

Assignor(s) hereby authorize(s) and request(s) the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said Tracto-Technik Paul Schmidt Spezialmaschinen.

Assignor(s) warrant(s) that he/she is the owner(s) of the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and patent

application herein assigned and has the right to make this assignment; and further warrant(s) that there are no outstanding prior assignments, licenses, or other rights whatsoever (including, without limitation, shop rights) in the interest herein assigned.

For said considerations Assignor(s) hereby agree(s) upon the request and at the expense of said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to execute any and all divisional, continuation, reissue and renewal applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or supplemental oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application that said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns may deem necessary or expedient.

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representatives and assigns to the end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor(s) if this assignment and sale had not been made.

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Gerhard Balve

August 31, 1999
Date


Franz-Josef Püttmann

August 31, 1999
Date