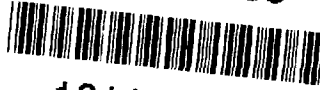


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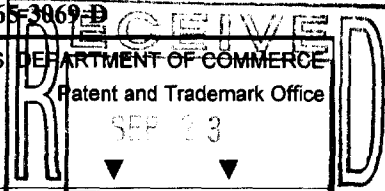
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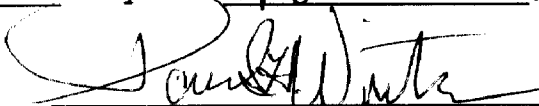
WHEREAS, We, PAUL H. WINTER of Wilmington, Delaware and JAMES A. HOFMAN of Hockessin, Delaware have invented an invention entitled BATH ACCESSORY POST which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, ZENITH PRODUCTS CORP., a Delaware corporation having its office and a principal place of business in the City of New Castle, State of Delaware, desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, We, PAUL H. WINTER and JAMES A. HOFMAN, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said corporation, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in the United States of America and all foreign countries in and to said invention as described in the patent application executed by us on the 26th day of March, 1998 (Serial No. 29/078,704; Filed May 7, 1998); to said application; to any Letters Patent issuing thereon and any reissue, division or continuation thereof; to all patents in any country foreign to the United States that may be granted therefor or for the inventions described therein; to any improvements on said invention heretofore or hereafter made while we are in the employ of said corporation; the right to file applications for patent in countries foreign to the United States, under international convention or otherwise, and the right to claim priority based on the first filed application; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue all Patents on said United States applications to said corporation as assignee thereof.

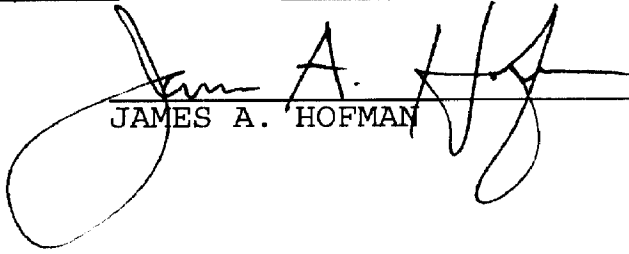
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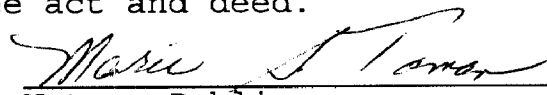
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JAMES A. HOFMAN

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On this 25th day of August, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County personally appeared PAUL H. WINTER and JAMES A. HOFMAN to me known to be the same persons who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free act and deed.



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