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To the Honorable Commissioner of Pat.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Francis E. Korn
Allen Epstein

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: The Durham Manufacturing Company

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: 201 Main Street

City: Durham State: CT ZIP: 06422

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment Merger
- Security Agreement Change of Name
- Other _____

Execution Date: Sept. 15, 1999



4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

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B. Patent No.(s)

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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: John H. Crozier

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: 1934 Huntington Turnpike

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John H. Crozier
Name of Person Signing

John H. Crozier
Signature

Sept. 15, 1999
Date

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Francis E. Korn, whose address is 215 Main Street, Durham, Connecticut 06422, and Allen Epstein, whose address is 100 Hepburn Road, Apt. 12G, Clifton, New Jersey 07012, have made certain inventions or discoveries (or both) set forth in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, titled HANDLE RETAINER FOR A CONTAINER, identified by John H. Crozier Docket No. 146-113; and

WHEREAS, The Durham Manufacturing Company, a corporation of the State of Connecticut, whose address is 201 Main Street, Durham, Connecticut 06422, and which, together with its successors and assigns is hereinafter called "Assignee", is desirous of acquiring the title, rights, benefits, and privileges hereinafter recited;

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration furnished by Assignee to us, receipt and sufficiency of which we hereby acknowledge, we hereby:

1. Assign, transfer, and convey to Assignee the entire right, title, and interest in and to said inventions and discoveries, said application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, any and all other applications for Letters Patent on said inventions and discoveries in whatsoever countries, including all divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation, and Convention applications based in whole or in part upon said inventions or discoveries, or upon said applications, and any and all Letters Patent and reissues and extensions of Letters Patent granted for said inventions and discoveries or upon said applications, said discoveries, said applications, and said Letters Patent;

2. Authorize Assignee to file patent applications in any or all countries on any or all of said inventions and discoveries in our names or in the name of Assignee or otherwise as Assignee may deem advisable, under the International Convention or otherwise;

3. Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America and the empowered officials of all other governments to issue or transfer all said Letters Patents to Assignee; as Assignee of the entire right, title, and interest therein or otherwise as Assignee may direct;

4. Warrant that we have not knowingly conveyed to others any right in said inventions, discoveries, applications, or patents or any license to use the same or to make, use, or sell anything embodying or utilizing any of said inventions or discoveries; and that we have good right to assign the same to Assignee without encumbrance;

5. Bind our heirs, legal representatives and assigns, as well as ourselves, to do, upon Assignee's request and at Assignee's expense, but without additional consideration to us or them, all acts reasonably

serving to assure that the said inventions and discoveries, the said patent applications, and the said Letters Patent shall be held and enjoyed by Assignee as fully and entirely as the same could have been held and enjoyed by us, our heirs, legal representatives, and assigns if this assignment had not been made; and particularly to execute and deliver to Assignee all lawful application documents including petitions, specifications, and oaths, and all assignments, disclaimers, and lawful affidavits in form and substance as may be requested by Assignee; to communicate to Assignee all facts known to us relating to said inventions and discoveries or the history thereof; and to furnish Assignee with any and all documents, photographs, models, samples, and other physical exhibits in our control or in the control of our heirs, legal representatives, or assigns and which may be useful for establishing the facts of our conceptions, disclosures, and reduction to practice of said inventions and discoveries.

In testimony of which we have signed our names below, as of the dates set forth next to our names.

INVENTORS

Date: 9/15/99

Francis E. Korn
Francis E. Korn

Date: 9/15/99

Allen Epstein
Allen Epstein