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WHEREAS, we Johannes Menzel, Augsburg Str. 417, D-70327 Stuttgart, Germany and Bernhard Dürr, Holderbuschweg 40, D-70563 Stuttgart, Germany have invented an improvement in EXHAUST GAS MUFFLER

for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States

is being made herewith;

was filed on _____ under Serial No. _____ as International Application Ser. No. _____.

AND WHEREAS, Firma Andreas Stihl AG & Co., Badstrasse 115, D-71336 Waiblingen, Germany

is desirous of acquiring an interest in the same;

Now, Therefore, in consideration of the foregoing and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby assign to the said Firma Andreas Stihl AG & Co., Badstraße 115, D-71336 Waiblingen, Germany

its assigns and legal representatives, all the right, title and interest in and to said invention for the United States and its territories and in and to said Letters Patent, continuations, divisions, reissues and extensions thereof in the United States, and hereby request that said Letters Patent issue accordingly. For said considerations, we, Johannes Menzel and Bernhard Dürr

agree to execute all papers that may be necessary to file applications in the United States for said invention and to assign the same to said Firma Andreas Stihl AG & Co. or any assignee acquiring title to said invention, and to execute any other papers that may be needed in connection with filing said applications and securing patents thereon.

In Testimony whereof, this assignment is being executed this 8th day of October 1999.

Johannes Menzel
Johannes Menzel

Bernhard Dürr
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