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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS we,
Konrad Welfonder, residing at Loisachstrasse 23, 27574 Bremerhaven, Germany, and
Lars Koop, residing at Schiffdorfer Grenzweg 34, 27574 Bremerhaven, Germany,
(the "inventors") are the inventors of an invention in ***A winding and unwinding mechanism for blinds or shades***, for which invention a European patent application with serial number **98305635.9** was filed in the European Patent Office on 15 July 1998, and we are entitled to assign our entire right, title and interest world-wide in and to the invention and any intellectual property protection for the invention, including the European patent application therefor; and

WHEREAS HUNTER DOUGLAS INDUSTRIES BV (the "Company"), having a place of business at Piekstraat 2, 3071 EL Rotterdam, The Netherlands, is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and any intellectual property protection for the invention, including the European patent application therefor, world-wide;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of two Dutch Guilders (NLG 2.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign and transfer to the Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest world-wide in and to the invention and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models and designs, whether original, divisional, continuation, renewal, reissue, or the like, now on file or subsequently filed, for the invention world-wide, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for such applications the priority rights derived from the European patent application under any national or international intellectual property laws or agreements and any industrial property protection including, without limitation, patents, utility models and designs, now or hereafter granted, for the invention world-wide, and any extensions, renewals, reissues or the like thereof.

FURTHER we hereby authorize and request any official of any state, responsible for issuing patents or other evidence or forms of any industrial property protection, to issue the same for the invention to the Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with this assignment.

ALSO we hereby agree that we have the full right to convey our entire, right, title and interest in and to the invention world-wide and all applications for industrial property protection for the invention world-wide and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict with this assignment.

MOREOVER we hereby agree that we will communicate to the Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns any facts known to us respecting the invention and testify in any legal proceeding, sign any lawful papers, execute any original, divisional, continuation and reissue applications, make any rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns to obtain and enforce proper protection for the invention world-wide.

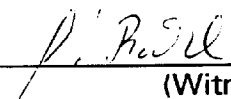
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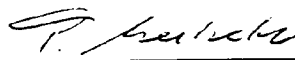
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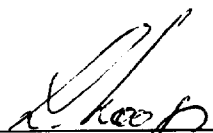

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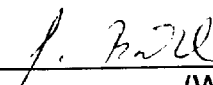
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THE COMPANY hereby acknowledges the previous statements of the Inventor and accepts his/her assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Company, by its undersigned Director, sets its hand the day, month and year opposite its signature.

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