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Cris Keith KRONEBERGER

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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: The BOC Group, Inc.

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: 575 Mountain Avenue

City: Murray Hill, New Providence State: NJ ZIP: 07974

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A. Patent Application No.(s)

09/430,724

filed October 29, 1999

B. Patent No.(s)

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

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Internal Address: Patent, Trademark & Licensing Dept.

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$ 40.00

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SOLE ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Cris Keith Kroneberger, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 2679 Elmhurst Circle, Fairfield, California 94533, have invented certain new and useful improvements in SPRING CLIP FOR SENSITIVE SUBSTRATES for which I have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, which application may be identified in the United States Patent Office as Serial No. 09/430,724, filing date October 29, 1999; and,

WHEREAS, The BOC Group, Inc., a Delaware Corporation having an office at 575 Mountain Avenue, Murray Hill, New Providence, New Jersey 07974, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Cris Keith Kroneberger have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said **The BOC Group, Inc.**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said **The BOC Group, Inc.**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

I HEREBY covenant that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND I HEREBY further covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said **The BOC Group, Inc.**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said **The BOC Group, Inc.**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

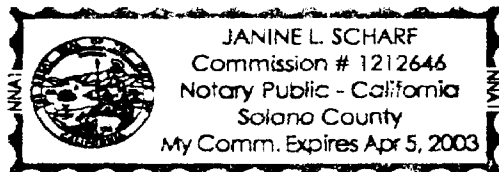
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this

22nd day of November, 1999.

Cris Keith Kroneberger L.S.
Cris Keith Kroneberger

State of California
County of Solano ss.:

On this 22nd day of November, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared **Cris Keith Kroneberger**, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.



Janine L. Scharf
Notary Public