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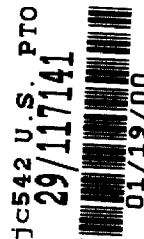
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, **TIMOTHY K. CROOKS, FARRELL SMITH** and **GREGORY T. RAY**, are citizens of the United States of America and residents respectively of the Cities of Winston Salem, Sophia and Winston Salem, State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNORS, have made an invention as described in a design patent application entitled **DOOR/DRAWER CLIP**, which application was executed by:

Timothy K. Crooks on Nov. 24, 1999;
Farrell Smith on Nov 24, 1999; and
Gregory T. Ray on Nov 24, 1999.

WHEREAS, **HUGHES SUPPLY AND MFG. CO. OF THOMASVILLE, INC.**, a North Carolina corporation, having its principal office and place of business in Thomasville, North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNEE, desires to acquire an interest therein in accordance with the agreements duly entered into between the ASSIGNORS and ASSIGNEE.

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) to me in hand paid and for other good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the ASSIGNORS do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention as described in said application, said application and in any divisions, continuations, substitutions, renewals of said application and said Letters Patent or reissues as may issue thereon, said invention, application, and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by the ASSIGNEE for its own use and behoof and to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the ASSIGNORS had this assignment and sale not been made.

The ASSIGNORS hereby further agree to make, execute, and deliver unto the ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, upon request, any and all papers, assignments, documents, affidavits, statements, or other instruments that may be necessary in the prosecution of the aforesaid application and of any substitutions, divisions, continuations, foreign applications or reissues of said applications, or patents issued thereon, and to aid the ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives in every way in protecting the said invention as may be requested.

The ASSIGNORS each hereby covenants that he has the right to grant the foregoing assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my seal
this 24th day of November, 1999.

Timothy K. Crooks (SEAL)
Timothy K. Crooks

State Of North Carolina)
County Of Davidson)

I, Elizabeth K. Dells, a Notary Public for said County and
State, do hereby certify that **TIMOTHY K. CROOKS** personally appeared
before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the
foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 24th
day of November, 1999.

Elizabeth K. Dells
Notary Public
My commission expires: April 29, 2004 (Official Seal)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my seal
this 24th day of November, 1999.

Farrell Smith (SEAL)
Farrell Smith

State Of North Carolina)
County Of Davidson)

I, Elizabeth K. Dells, a Notary Public for said County and
State, do hereby certify that **FARRELL SMITH** personally appeared
before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the
foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 24th
day of November, 1999.

Elizabeth K. Dells
Notary Public
My commission expires: April 29, 2004 (Official Seal)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed my seal
this 24th day of November, 1999.

Gregory T. Ray (SEAL)
Gregory T. Ray

State Of North Carolina)
County Of Davidson)

I, Elizabeth K. Dalk, a Notary Public for said County and
State, do hereby certify that **GREGORY T. RAY** personally appeared
before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the
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Witness my hand and official seal, this the 24th
day of November, 1999.

Elizabeth K. Dalk
Notary Public
My commission expires: April 29, 2004

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