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

Simpson Industries, Inc.
47603 Halyard Drive
Plymouth, MI 48170-2429

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached: Yes X No

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Date 1/12/99

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ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION

WHEREAS, we, Daniel Brinker, Brian Elzerman, Ben Merrill, and Robert Veldman, respectively, hereafter referred to as applicant, have invented certain new and useful improvements in:

KNUCKLE HUB ASSMELBY AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

 X for which an application for a United States Patent was filed on October 8, 1999, Application Serial No. 09/414,114.

 for which an application for a United States Patent was executed on _____, and

WHEREAS, Simpson Industries, Inc., a Corporation of the State of Michigan, herein referred to as "assignee", having a place of business at 47603 Halyard Drive, Plymouth, Michigan 48170 is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the same;

NOW, therefore, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt whereof is acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, I, the applicant, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said assignee the full and exclusive right to the said invention, both domestic and foreign, and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Patents which may be granted therefor, both domestic and foreign, I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said United States Patent to said assignee, of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for his sole use and behoof; and for the use and behoof of his legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made.

AND I hereby represent and warrant that I have not granted any rights inconsistent with the rights granted herein.

Daniel J. Brinker

Daniel Brinker

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County of Wayne)

Subscribed and sworn before me this 17th day of December, 1999.

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