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INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SECURITY AGREEMENT AND ASSIGNMENT

Among

THE GRANTORS NAMED HEREIN  
as Grantors

and

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.  
Administrative Agent

December 13, 1999

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# INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SECURITY AGREEMENT AND ASSIGNMENT

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SECURITY AGREEMENT AND ASSIGNMENT, dated as of December 13, 1999, made among each of the signatories party hereto (collectively, the "Grantors" and each a "Grantor"), and Bank of America, N.A., a national banking association, in its capacity as administrative agent (the "Administrative Agent") for itself and each lender a party to the Credit Agreement defined below (the "Lenders") and each Affiliate (as defined in the Credit Agreement) of each Lender that has entered into an Interest Hedge Agreement (as defined in the Credit Agreement) with an Obligor, provided that such Lender was a Lender at the time that such Interest Hedge Agreement was entered into (singularly, a "Secured Party" and collectively, "Secured Parties").

## RECITALS

(1) Central Industrial Supply Company, a Texas corporation (the "Borrower"), the Administrative Agent, General Electric Capital Corporation, as Documentation Agent, and the Lenders entered into that certain Credit Agreement, dated as of December 13, 1999 (as amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time, the "Credit Agreement"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Credit Agreement or in Section 5.1.

(2) It is the intention of the parties hereto that this Agreement create a first priority security interest in certain property of the Grantors securing the payment of the obligations set forth in Section 1.2 hereof, subject to only Permitted Liens.

(3) It is a condition precedent to the obligation of the Secured Parties to enter into the Loan Documents and to, among other things, make the Advances, and issue, or participate in the issuance of Letters of Credit under the Credit Agreement that the Grantors shall have executed and delivered this Agreement to the Administrative Agent.

## AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and in order to induce Secured Parties to enter into the Loan Documents and to, among other things, make the Advances and issue, or participate in the issuance of, Letters of Credit under the Credit Agreement, the Grantors hereby agree with the Administrative Agent for its benefit and the ratable benefit of the other Secured Parties, as hereinafter set forth.

# ARTICLE 1

## Grant of Security Interest

Section 1.1 Assignment and Grant of Security Interest. Each Grantor hereby assigns to, and pledges and grants to the Administrative Agent, for its benefit and the ratable benefit of the other Secured Parties, a security interest in, the entire right, title and interest of such Grantor, in and to the Collateral.

Section 1.2 Security for Obligations. This Agreement creates an enforceable security interest in the Collateral, subject only to Permitted Liens, securing the payment and performance of any and all obligations now or hereafter existing of the Grantors under the Credit Agreement and the other Loan Documents, including any extensions, modifications, substitutions, amendments and renewals thereof, whether for principal, interest, fees, expenses, indemnification or otherwise (all such obligations of the Grantors being the "Obligations"). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this Agreement secures the payment of all amounts which constitute part of the Obligations and would be owed by the Grantors to the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party under any Loan Document, but for the fact that they are unenforceable or not allowable due to the existence of a bankruptcy, reorganization or similar proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law involving any Grantor (including all such amounts which would become due or would be secured but for the filing of any petition in bankruptcy, or the commencement of any insolvency, reorganization or like proceeding of any Grantor or any other Person under any Debtor Relief Law). With respect to each Grantor other than the Borrower, notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in any action or proceeding involving any state corporate law, or any state or federal bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other law affecting the rights of creditors generally if the Security Interest granted by any Grantor herein shall be held void, invalid or unenforceable, or subordinated to the liens or claims of any other creditors, on account of the amount of the Obligations secured by such Security Interest then, the amount of the Obligations secured by such Security Interest shall, without any action by such Grantor, the Administrative Agent, any other Secured Party or any other Persons, be automatically limited and reduced to the highest amount that is valid and enforceable and not subordinated to the claims of other creditors as determined in such action or proceeding.

Section 1.3 Validity and Priority of Security Interest. Each Grantor agrees that the Security Interest shall at all times be valid, perfected, continuing and binding and enforceable against such Grantor, in accordance with the terms hereof, as security for the Obligations, and that the Collateral shall not at any time be subject to any other Lien, except Permitted Liens.

Section 1.4 Maintenance of Status of Security Interest, Collateral and Rights.

(a) Required Action. Each Grantor shall take all action that may be necessary and that the Administrative Agent may reasonably request, so as at all times (i) to maintain the validity, perfection, enforceability and priority of the Security Interest in the Collateral in conformity with

the requirements of Section 1.3, and (ii) to protect and preserve, and to enable the exercise or enforcement of, the rights of the Administrative Agent hereunder, including (A) immediately discharging all Liens, except Permitted Liens, and (B) executing and delivering financing or continuation statements, instruments of pledge, notices and instructions in each case in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent.

(b) Protection of Collateral. Each Grantor shall protect, preserve, renew and maintain, in each case in a manner consistent with reasonable business and legal practices, all rights of such Grantor in the Collateral, which manner may include (i) making any filings necessary to renew or maintain the Registrations, (ii) prosecuting such suits, proceedings or other actions for infringement, unfair competition, dilution or other damage as such Grantor in its reasonable business judgment deems appropriate under the circumstances or (iii) appearing in and defending any action or proceeding that may materially adversely affect such Grantor's title to or the Administrative Agent's Security Interest in all or any part of the material Collateral. Any expenses incurred by the Grantors in protecting, preserving, renewing and maintaining the Collateral shall be borne by the Grantors. To the maximum extent permitted by Applicable Law, during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Administrative Agent shall have the right, without taking title to any Collateral, to bring suit to enforce its Security Interest in any or all of the Collateral, in which event each Grantor shall, at the reasonable request of the Administrative Agent, do any and all lawful acts and execute any and all proper documents reasonably required by the Administrative Agent in aid of such enforcement. All reasonable costs, reasonable expenses and other moneys reasonably advanced by the Administrative Agent in connection with the foregoing shall, whether or not there are then outstanding any amounts under the Credit Agreement, be treated as Obligations, but the making of any advances by the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party shall not relieve the Grantors of any default hereunder.

(c) Authorized Action. The Administrative Agent is hereby authorized to file one or more continuation statements, and during the continuance of an Event of Default, financing statements, amendments thereto, notices and instructions without the signature of or in the name of the Grantor when permitted by Applicable Law. A photocopy or other reproduction of this Agreement or of any financing statement covering the Collateral or any part thereof shall be sufficient as a financing statement where permitted by Applicable Law.

Section 1.5 Grantor Remains Obligated; the Administrative Agent and Secured Parties Not Obligated. The grant by the Grantors to the Administrative Agent of the Security Interest shall not (i) relieve the Grantors from the performance of any term, covenant, condition or agreement on its part to be performed or observed (including by virtue of the exercise by the Administrative Agent of any of its rights hereunder), (ii) relieve the Grantors from any liability to any Person, under or in respect of any of the Collateral, (iii) impose any obligation on the Administrative Agent or any Secured Party except as expressly provided herein or (iv) impose any liability on the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party for any act or omission on the part of the Grantors relative thereto.



Section 1.6 Termination.

(a) After the Release Date (except to the extent that the release of any Collateral is otherwise permitted pursuant to the terms of the Loan Documents), (i) this Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force and effect (except as provided in Section 1.6(b)) and all rights to the Collateral shall revert to the Grantors, and (ii) the Administrative Agent will, at the Grantors' expense, execute and deliver to the Grantors such documents as the Grantors shall reasonably request to evidence such termination.

(b) The Grantors agree that, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law, if at any time all or any part of any payment theretofore applied by the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties to any of the Obligations is or must be rescinded or returned by any Person for any reason whatsoever (including the insolvency, bankruptcy or reorganization of any Grantor or any other Person), such Obligations shall, for the purposes of this Agreement, to the extent that such payment is or must be rescinded or returned, be deemed to have continued in existence, notwithstanding such application by the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party, and the Security Interest granted hereunder shall continue to be effective or be reinstated, as the case may be, as to such Obligations, all as though such application by the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party had not been made.

ARTICLE 2

Representations and Warranties

Each Grantor represents and warrants as follows:

Section 2.1 Rights of the Grantor. Each Grantor is the legal and beneficial owner of the Collateral owned by it free and clear of any Lien (or other charge or encumbrance, including without limitation, pledges, assignments, licenses, shop rights and covenants by any Grantor not to sue any Person), except for the Security Interest and Permitted Liens. No effective financing statement or other instrument similar in effect naming any Grantor as "debtor" covering all or any part of the Collateral is on file in any recording office, except such as (a) may have been filed in favor of the Administrative Agent relating to this Agreement, and (b) may be filed in respect of other Permitted Liens.

Section 2.2 Perfection. This Agreement, together with the filings referred to in Section 2.1(a) above, will create in favor of the Administrative Agent a valid and perfected Security Interest in the Collateral and such Security Interest will be a first priority Security Interest on existing Registrations, subject only to Permitted Liens.

Section 2.3 Registrations. Annexes A-1, A-2, B-1, B-2, C-1 and C-2, as applicable, set forth a true and complete list of all material Registrations in the United States Patent and Trademark Office and related state filings owned by the Grantors as of the date hereof.

### ARTICLE 3

#### Covenants

Section 3.1 Chief Executive Office. Each Grantor shall maintain its chief executive office and the office where the books and records relating to the Collateral are kept only at the location specified on Schedule 1 to the Security Agreement.

Section 3.2 No Disposition of Collateral. Except to the extent permitted by the Credit Agreement, no Grantor shall sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any of the Collateral or any interest therein that is material to such Grantor's business, or grant any license thereunder, except for licenses granted or other dispositions in the ordinary course of business.

Section 3.3 Additional Property. If after the date hereof, any Grantor acquires any interest in any Registration which is within the definition of "Collateral" or modifies, reformulates or otherwise alters any Registration that is material to such Grantor's business, such Grantor shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent all documents and instruments the Grantor may deem necessary to grant to the Administrative Agent a perfected first priority Lien therein (subject only to Permitted Liens) and to subject all of such interest to this Agreement, including but not limited to any new, supplementary or additional filings, and all such other documents reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent to perfect a first priority Lien (subject only to Permitted Liens) in such Collateral.

Section 3.4 Requested Information. In addition to such other Information as shall be specifically provided for herein, the Grantors shall furnish to the Administrative Agent such other Information with respect to the Collateral as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request from time to time in connection with the Collateral, or the protection, preservation, maintenance or enforcement of the Security Interest in the Collateral, including, without limitation, all documents in the Grantors' possession, or subject to its demand for possession, related to the production and sale by the Grantors, or any subsidiary, licensee or subcontractor thereof, of products or services sold by or under the authority of the Grantors in connection with the Collateral, including by way of example, without limiting the interest granted by this Agreement, all lists and ancillary documents which identify and describe any of the Grantors' licensees and all quality specifications related to the license, for products sold or services rendered under or in connection with the Collateral subject to any agreements precluding the release of such information.

## ARTICLE 4

### Event of Default

Upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default:

Section 4.1 Application of Proceeds. All cash proceeds received by the Administrative Agent upon any sale of, collection of, or other realization upon, all or any part of the Collateral shall be applied in accordance with Section 2.10(d)(ii) of the Credit Agreement.

Section 4.2 Remedies.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Administrative Agent may exercise in respect of the Collateral, in addition to other rights and remedies provided for herein or otherwise available to it, all the rights and remedies of a secured party on default under the UCC at that time, and also may (i) require the Grantors to, and the Grantors hereby agree that they will at their expense and upon the reasonable request of the Administrative Agent forthwith, assemble all or part of the Collateral (to the extent capable of being assembled) as directed by the Administrative Agent and make it available to the Administrative Agent at a place to be designated by the Administrative Agent which is reasonably convenient to both parties or (ii) without notice, except as specified below, sell the Collateral or any portion thereof in one or more parcels at public or private sale, at any of the Administrative Agent's offices or elsewhere, for cash, on credit or for future delivery, and upon such other terms as the Administrative Agent may deem commercially reasonable. The Grantors agree that, to the extent notice of sale shall be required by Applicable Law, ten days' written notice to the Grantors of the time and place of any public sale or the time after which any private sale is to be made shall constitute reasonable notification, provided that ten days' written notice does not violate any Applicable Law. The Administrative Agent shall not be obligated to make any sale of Collateral regardless of notice of sale having been given. The Administrative Agent may adjourn any public or private sale from time to time by announcement at the time and place fixed therefor, and such sale may, without further notice, be made at the time and place to which it was so adjourned. To the extent not prohibited by Applicable Law, the Administrative Agent may be the purchaser at any sale of the Collateral and pay all or any part of the purchase price thereof by canceling part or all of the Obligations.

(b) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Administrative Agent may obtain the appointment of a receiver of the Collateral.

(c) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Administrative Agent may without notice to the Grantors and at such time or times as the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion may determine, exercise any or all of the Grantors' rights in, to and under, or in any way connected with or related to, any or all of the Collateral, including (i) enforcing the performance of, and exercising any or all of the Grantors' rights with respect to the Collateral, in each case by legal proceedings or otherwise and (ii) settling, adjusting, compromising, extending, renewing,

discharging and releasing any or all legal proceedings brought with respect to any or all of the Grantors' rights with respect to the Collateral.

(d) Upon written demand of the Administrative Agent, the Grantors shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an assignment or assignments of the Collateral and such other documents as are reasonably necessary to carry out the intent and purposes of this Agreement.

(e) For the purpose of enabling the Administrative Agent to exercise rights and remedies under this Section 4.2 at such time as the Administrative Agent shall be lawfully entitled to exercise such rights and remedies, and for no other purpose, the Grantors hereby grant to the Administrative Agent, an irrevocable, non-exclusive license (exercisable without payment of royalty or other compensation by the Administrative Agent to the Grantors) to use, assign, license or sublicense any of the Collateral now owned or hereafter acquired by any Grantor, wherever the same may be located, including in such license reasonable access to all media in which any of the licensed items may be recorded or stored and to all computer programs used for the compilation or printout thereof.

**Section 4.3 Indemnity and Expenses. THE GRANTORS JOINTLY AND SEVERALLY AGREE TO INDEMNIFY (WHICH SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM TIME TO TIME ON DEMAND) THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT AND OTHER SECURED PARTIES FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, LOSSES AND LIABILITIES (INCLUDING REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES) ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM THIS AGREEMENT (INCLUDING ENFORCEMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT) TO THE EXTENT THAT THE BORROWER IS REQUIRED TO DO SO UNDER SECTION 5.9 OF THE CREDIT AGREEMENT.**

## ARTICLE 5

### Interpretation

#### Section 5.1 Definitional Provision.

(a) Certain Terms Defined by Reference. The terms "collateral", "inventory", "rights", and "security interest" shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the UCC, or, when capitalized, the meanings specified in subsection (b) below.

(b) Other Defined Terms. For purposes of this Agreement:

"Agreement" means this Agreement, including all schedules, annexes and exhibits hereto, as amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time.

"Collateral" means each of the Grantor's rights, title and interests, (whatever they may be) in each of the following, in each case whether now or hereafter existing or now owned or hereafter

acquired by each Grantor and whether or not the same is subject to Article 9 of the UCC, and wherever the same may be located, but only to the extent such assets are not presently encumbered:

- (i) the Trademarks and Goodwill;
- (ii) the Patents;
- (iii) the Copyrights;
- (iv) all registrations or letters patent issued or applied for (now or hereafter) with respect to the Trademarks, Patents and Copyrights and renewals thereof in the United States and any state thereof (the "Registrations");
- (v) any renewal, reissue, re-examination certificate, extension or the like with respect to the Trademarks, Patents and Copyrights;
- (vi) all rights to use the Trademarks as trade names or assumed names in all aspects of its business;
- (vii) all inventions, processes, production methods, proprietary information, know-how and trade secrets related to the Patents;
- (viii) all licenses, sublicenses or user or other agreements granted in favor of or from each Grantor with respect to any of the foregoing to the extent assignable without violation thereof, together with any Goodwill connected with or symbolized by any such licenses and agreements; and
- (ix) all proceeds and products of the foregoing. The inclusion of "proceeds" of Collateral in the definition of "Collateral" shall not be deemed a consent by the Administrative Agent to any sale or other disposition of any Collateral not otherwise specifically permitted by the terms hereof or by the Credit Agreement.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the Collateral shall not include, and there shall be excluded from the grant of a security interest hereunder, all contracts, leases, licenses and other general intangibles to the extent the same contain or are subject to legally enforceable restrictions or prohibitions on the granting of a security interest therein or which terminate or are subject to being terminated by the other party thereto upon the grant by the Grantor of a security interest therein; PROVIDED, FURTHER, HOWEVER, the foregoing limitation shall not affect, limit, restrict or impair the grant by such Grantor of a security interest pursuant to this Agreement in any money or other amounts due or sums due in respect of such contracts, leases, licenses and other general intangibles under Section 9.318 of the UCC.

"Copyright" means any copyright, copyright registration and applications for such registration, including, but not limited to, the copyrights listed on Annex C-1 attached hereto, and all applications for copyrights, including those copyrights and applications listed on Annex C-2 attached hereto, together with all continuations, renewals, extensions, damages and payments now or hereafter due and payable under and with respect thereto, including, without limitation, damages for all past, present or future infringements thereof and the right to sue for past, present and future infringements thereof.

"Goodwill" means the goodwill of the businesses connected with the use of (or associated with) and symbolized by the Trademarks, but not any other goodwill.

"Information" means data, certificates, reports, statements (including financial statements), documents and other information in form (including electronic media) reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent.

"Patents" means all patents in any and all forms, and applications for patents, including but not limited to the patents listed on Annex A-1 attached hereto, and all patent applications listed on Annex A-2 attached hereto, together with the reissues, divisions, continuations, renewals, extensions and continuations-in-part thereof, all income, royalties, damages and payments now or hereafter due and payable under and with respect thereto, including, without limitation, damages for past, present or future infringements thereof and the right to sue for past, present and future infringements thereof.

"Registrations" has the meaning set forth in the definition of Collateral.

"Security Interest" means the continuing security interest of the Administrative Agent in the Collateral intended to be effected by the terms of this Agreement or any financing and continuation statements or other filings contemplated hereby.

"Trademarks" means all trade names, trademarks, and service marks, in any and all forms, including but not limited to the registered trade names, trademarks, and service marks listed on Annex B-1 attached hereto, and all applications for registration of trade names, trademarks, and service marks, including those applications listed on Annex B-2 attached hereto, all common law rights to such trade names, trademarks and service marks, the right to recover for all past, present and future infringements thereof, and all other rights of any kind whatsoever accruing thereunder or pertaining thereto.

Section 5.2 Power of Attorney. Each power of attorney, license and other authorization in favor of the Administrative Agent or any other Person granted by or pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed to be irrevocable and coupled with an interest; provided, however, each such power of attorney, license or other authorization shall terminate automatically on the Release Date and shall only be exercisable during the continuance of an Event of Default.

## ARTICLE 6

### Miscellaneous

Section 6.1 Administrative Agent's Right to Perform on the Grantors' Behalf. If any Grantor shall fail to observe or perform any of the terms, conditions, covenants and agreements to be observed or performed by it under this Agreement, the Administrative Agent may (but shall not be obligated to) do the same or cause it to be done or performed or observed, either in its name or in the name and on behalf of such Grantor, and in the event that such Grantor shall have failed to observe or perform any of the terms, conditions, covenants and agreements to be observed or performed by it under this Agreement, then such Grantor hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to do so, and the Grantor hereby appoints the Administrative Agent, and any other Person the Administrative Agent may designate, as such Grantor's attorney-in-fact (exercisable only during the continuance of an Event of Default) to do, or cause to be done, in the name, place and stead of such Grantor in any way in which such Grantor itself could do, or cause to be done, any or all things necessary to observe or perform the terms, conditions, covenants and agreements to be observed or performed by such Grantor under this Agreement. In addition, each Grantor hereby irrevocably appoints the Administrative Agent as such Grantor's attorney-in-fact (exercisable only during the continuance of an Event of Default) to execute and deliver in such Grantor's name and stead to any purchaser at any sale held under Section 4.2 hereof any and all documents and instruments of assignment, transfer and conveyance necessary or appropriate to transfer to such purchaser the Collateral sold at such sale. This appointment as attorney-in-fact shall terminate upon the Release Date.

Section 6.2 Administrative Agent's Right to Use Agents. The Administrative Agent may exercise its rights under this Agreement through an agent or other designee (so long as the Administrative Agent provides each Grantor with the name of such agent or other designee and such Person's scope of authority).

Section 6.3 Limitation of the Administrative Agent's Obligations With Respect to Collateral.

(a) The Administrative Agent shall not have any duty or liability to protect or preserve any Collateral or to preserve rights pertaining thereto, except to the extent of any gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Administrative Agent or other Secured Parties.

(b) Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring or obligating the Administrative Agent, and the Administrative Agent shall not be required or obligated, to (i) present or file any claim or notice or take any action, with respect to any Collateral or in connection therewith or (ii) notify any Grantor of any decline in the value of any Collateral.

Section 6.4 Rights of the Administrative Agent under UCC and Applicable Law. The Administrative Agent shall have, with respect to the Collateral, in addition to all of its rights under

this Agreement, (a) the rights of a secured party under the UCC, whether or not the UCC would otherwise apply to the collateral in question, and (b) the rights of a secured party under all other Applicable Laws.

Section 6.5 Waivers of Rights Inhibiting Enforcement. To the extent not prohibited by Applicable Law, each Grantor waives all rights of redemption, appraisalment, or marshaling of assets.

Section 6.6 Notices and Deliveries.

(a) Manner of Delivery. All notices and other communications provided for hereunder shall be effectuated in the manner provided for in Section 11.1 of the Credit Agreement and to the extent that a notice or communication is sent to a Grantor, other than the Borrower, said notice shall be addressed to such Grantor, in care of the Borrower.

Section 6.7 **GOVERNING LAW. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INTERNAL LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (WITHOUT REFERENCE TO PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAWS) AND THE APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE VALIDITY OR PERFECTION OF THE SECURITY INTEREST HEREUNDER, OR REMEDIES HEREUNDER, IN RESPECT OF ANY PARTICULAR COLLATERAL ARE REQUIRED TO BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF A JURISDICTION OTHER THAN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.**

Section 6.8 **WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, THE SECURED PARTIES AND THE GRANTOR HEREBY WAIVE, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER (WHETHER IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE) IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO, THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.**

Section 6.9 Consent to Jurisdiction; Waiver of Immunities.

(a) Each Grantor and the Administrative Agent each hereby irrevocably submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of any United States Federal or State courts sitting in New York, New York, in any action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement, and each Grantor and the Administrative Agent hereby irrevocably waives any objection it may now or hereafter have as to the venue of any such suit, action or proceeding brought in such court or that such court is an inconvenient forum.

(b) Nothing in this section shall limit the right of any Grantor, the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party to bring any action or proceeding against any other party or its property in the courts of any other jurisdictions.



Section 6.10 Severability. Any provision of this Agreement which is for any reason prohibited or found or held invalid or unenforceable by any court or governmental agency shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity or unenforceability, without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof in such jurisdiction or affecting the validity or enforceability of such provision in any other jurisdiction.

Section 6.11 Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 6.12 Successors and Assigns. All of the provisions of this Agreement shall be binding and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns; provided, however, no Grantor may assign its liabilities and obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of all Secured Parties.

Section 6.13 Loan Documents. This Agreement is a Loan Document executed pursuant to the Credit Agreement and shall (unless otherwise expressly indicated herein) be construed, administered and applied in accordance with the terms and provisions thereof.

Section 6.14 Obligations Not Affected. To the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, the obligations of the Grantors under this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect without regard to, and shall not be impaired or affected by:

(a) any amendment or modification or addition or supplement to any Loan Documents or any instrument delivered in connection therewith or any assignment or transfer thereof;

(b) any exercise, non-exercise, or waiver by the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party of any right, remedy, power or privilege under or in respect of, or any release of any guaranty or the Collateral or any part thereof provided pursuant to, this Agreement or any other Loan Documents;

(c) any waiver, consent, extension, indulgence or other action or inaction in respect of this Agreement, any other Loan Documents or any assignment or transfer of any thereof;

(d) any bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, readjustment, composition, liquidation or the like of any Grantor or any other Person, whether or not any Grantor shall have notice or knowledge of any of the foregoing; or

(e) any other circumstances which might otherwise constitute a defense available to, or a discharge of, any Grantor, any other Obligor or any other Person.

Section 6.15 ENTIRE AGREEMENT. THIS WRITTEN AGREEMENT, TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS, REPRESENT THE FINAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND MAY NOT BE CONTRADICTED BY EVIDENCE OF PRIOR, CONTEMPORANEOUS, OR SUBSEQUENT ORAL AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES. THERE ARE NO UNWRITTEN ORAL ARGUMENTS BETWEEN THE PARTIES.

Section 6.16 Conflicts. In the event of a conflict between the terms and conditions of this Agreement and the terms and conditions of the Credit Agreement, the terms and conditions of the Credit Agreement shall control.

Section 6.17 Modifications; Amendments; Etc. No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement, and no consent to any departure by any Grantor here from, shall in any event be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the Administrative Agent (and such Grantor, in case of amendment), and then such waiver or consent shall be effectively only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given.

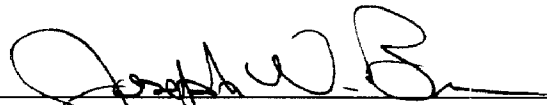
Section 6.18 Continuing Security Interest. This Agreement shall create a continuing security interest in the Collateral and shall (a) remain in full force and effect until the Release Date (except to the extent that the release of any Collateral is otherwise permitted pursuant to the terms of the Loan Documents), (b) be binding upon each Grantor, its successors and assigns, and (c) inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by, the Administrative Agent and its successors, transferees and assigns. Upon any such termination, the Administrative Agent will, at such Grantor's expense, execute and deliver to such Grantor such documents as such Grantor shall reasonably request to evidence such termination. Each Grantor agrees that to the extent that the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party receives any payment or benefit and such payment or benefit, or any part thereof, is subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside or is required to be repaid to a trustee, receiver, or any other party under any Debtor Relief Law, then to the extent of such payment or benefit, the Obligations or part thereof intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if such payment or benefit had not been made and, further, any such repayment by the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party, to the extent that the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party did not directly receive a corresponding cash payment, shall be added to and be additional Obligations payable upon demand by the Administrative Agent or any other Secured Party and secured hereby, and, if the lien and security interest hereof shall have been released, such lien and security interest shall be reinstated with the same effect and priority as on the date of execution hereof all as if no release of such lien or security interest had ever occurred, to the extent not prohibited by Applicable Law.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers all as of the date first above written.

GRANTORS:

CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY COMPANY

By:   
Name: Joseph W. Brown  
Title: President

SECURED PARTY:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as the Administrative Agent

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized officers all as of the date first above written.

GRANTORS:

CENTRAL INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY COMPANY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

SECURED PARTY:

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as the Administrative Agent

By:                     *Arnold Brattin Jr.*                      
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Annex A-1

Patents

Nature of Interest  
(e.g. owner, licensee)

Patent No.

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Issue

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Patent Applications

<u>Nature of Interest</u> <u>(e.g. owner, licensee)</u>	<u>Serial</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Country of</u> <u>Issue</u>
Owner	09/286,192	4/5/99	United States

Annex B-1

Registered Trademarks

Nature of Interest of (e.g. owner, <u>licensee</u> )	<u>Registered Trademark</u>	Registration <u>No.</u>	Int'l Class <u>Covered</u>	Goods or Services <u>Covered</u>	Date <u>Registered</u>	Country of <u>Reg.</u>
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Copyrights

<u>Type</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Registration No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Country of Issue</u>
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