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Execution Date: November 9, 1999

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)
Name: Illinois Tool Works, Inc.

Internal Address _____

Street Address: 3600 West Lake Avenue

City Glenview State: Illinois Zip: 60025

Additional names(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

4. Application numbers(s) or patent numbers(s):

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A. Patent Application No.(s)

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5,378,290 5,214,821
5,686,507 5,346,287

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 4

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, THE MORGAN CRUCIBLE COMPANY PLC (hereinafter "MORGAN"), a company incorporated in England whose registered address is at Morgan House, Madeira Walk, Windsor, Berkshire, England SL4 1EP, had acquired the entire right, title and interest in and to the U.S. patents listed on the attached Schedule A by virtue of assignments recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office as indicated; and

WHEREAS, ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS, INC. (hereinafter "ITW"), a public company incorporated in the State of Delaware, USA, whose registered office is at 3600 West Lake Avenue, Glenview, Illinois 60025, USA, has acquired rights to the U.S. patents listed on the attached Schedule A by virtue of the Overseas IPR Sale Agreement entered into by both parties on April 7, 1999;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid by ITW, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, MORGAN has confirmed to have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed as from the date above stated the entire right, title and interest in and to the U.S. patents listed on the attached Schedule A and in and to any reissues, renewals, divisionals, or continuations thereof, together with all claims for damages by reason of past infringement of the patents and the right to sue for and collect such damages for its own use, the same to be held and enjoyed by ITW for its own use and enjoyment and the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives to the full end of the term for which the patents are granted or reissued as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by MORGAN if this assignment and sale had not been made. Further, MORGAN hereby confirms to have bound itself, its legal

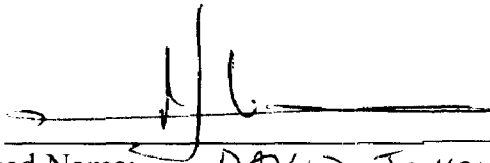
Confirmatory Assignment from
The Morgan Crucible Company plc
to Illinois Tool Works, Inc.

representatives, administrators and assigns properly to execute without further consideration any
and all applications, petitions, oaths and assignments or other papers and instruments which may
be necessary in order to carry into full force and effect the sale, assignment, transfer and
conveyance made or intended to be made.

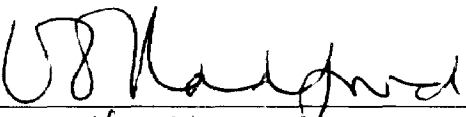

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of

November, 1999.

THE MORGAN CRUCIBLE COMPANY PLC

By: 
Printed Name: DAVID JOHN COKER
Title: COMPANY SECRETARY

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SCHEDULE A

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5,378,290	January 3, 1995	August 20, 1993	6670/0630
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