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Sir:

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(1) Name(s) Of Party Conveying The Interest:

Robert Dicke

(2) Name And Address Of Party Receiving The Interest:

A-Z Ausrstung und Zubehor GmbH & Co. KG
Ruhrallee 1-3, D-45525 Hattingen,
Germany

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Respectfully submitted,

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, the undersigned, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, has invented

Self-Drilling and Thread-Forming Connecting Element

for which Assignor has made United States application for patent, filed under Serial No. 09/419,142, filed October 15, 1999 and which claims priority from German Application DE 297 06 749.4, filed April 15, 1997 or for which Assignor is about to make United States application for patent, and

WHEREAS, A-Z Ausrüstung und Zubehör GmbH & CO. , having a place of business at Ruhrallee 1-3, D-45525 Hattingen, Germany, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignor by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee, its successors in interest, the full and exclusive right in the United States of America, including the right to claim priority under the laws of the United States and the Paris Convention, to the said invention as described in the aforesaid application, said application for patent and all Letters Patent therefor to be held and enjoyed by Assignee to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted and any extensions thereof, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made; and Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to execute all instruments or documents required or requested for the making and prosecution of United States applications for patent, for litigation regarding, or for the purpose of protecting title to the said invention, the United States application for patent or Letters Patent therefor for the benefit of Assignee without further or other compensation than that above set forth; and Assignor hereby requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said United States Letters Patent to Assignee.



Robert Dicke
(Sole Inventor)

4.1.2000

Date (Day/Month/Year)