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Name of Assignee: **Voelker Moebelproduktionsgesellschaft mbH**  
 Place of Assignee's **Wullener Feld 79**  
 Incorporation: **58454 Witten, Germany**

A German corporation (hereinafter named "Assignee"), its successors, legal representatives, and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to Assignor's application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed concurrently herewith unless otherwise indicated herein, entitled

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and to Assignor's entire right, title and interest in any and all inventions, whether joint or sole, disclosed in said application for Letters Patent, and in any and all divisional or continuation or renewal applications that may be filed for United States Letters Patent for any and all of said inventions, and in and to any and all patents that may be granted on the foregoing applications and any reissue or extension thereof, and in any and all improvements thereon or relating thereto which the Assignor has invented or may hereafter invent.

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Witness, the hand and seal of the Assignor,

this 10 day of November 1999

  
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 Heinrich Voelker