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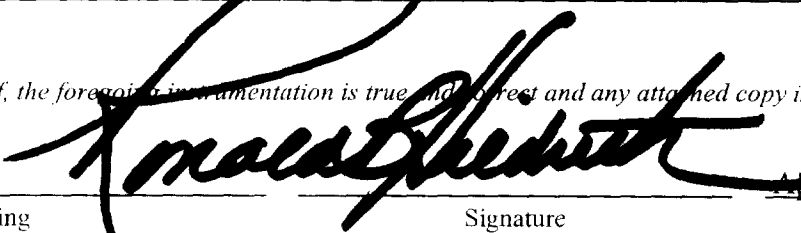
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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, I, MESSINA Rosario, a citizen of Italy, whose post office address is Via F.lli Cairoli 42, SEREGNO - Italy, have made an invention entitled "Divan bed with movable frame having means for resting on the ground which can be extracted/retracted by means of rotational operation" as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States Serial No. _____, filed _____; and

WHEREAS, FLOU S.p.A., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Italy and having an office for the transaction of business at Via Cadorna 12, MEDA (Milano) - Italy, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any improvements thereon, and in and to the said application for Letters Patent therefor, and any Letters Patent which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that I, the said MESSINA Rosario, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States, to me in hand paid by said FLOU S.p.A., and other valuable considerations unto me moving from said _____, at or before the ensembling and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said FLOU S.p.A., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention entitled "Divan bed with movable frame having means for resting on the ground which can be..." as set forth and described in application for Letters Patent of the United States Serial No. _____, filed _____, and any and all improvements thereon, and in and to said application and any division, continuation or continuation-in-part thereof, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued on any of said applications, and any reissues thereof, and in and to any and all applications for Letters Patent filed in foreign countries for said invention or improvements, including all priority rights under the Paris Convention, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in foreign countries therefor, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all said Letters Patent may be granted;

AND I, the said MESSINA Rosario, do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States to said FLOU S.p.A., as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of said FLOU S.p.A., its successors and assigns;

AND I, the said MESSINA Rosario, for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said FLOU S.p.A.

FLOU S.p.A., its successors and assigns, that I have the full power to make this assignment, and that the rights assigned are not encumbered by any grant, license or right heretofore given, and that I, my executors or administrators, shall and will do all lawful acts and things and make, execute and deliver without further compensation, any and all other instruments in writing, further applications, papers, affidavits, powers of attorney, assignments, and other documents which, in the opinion of counsel for said FLOU S.p.A.

FLOU S.p.A., its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary to more effectively secure to and vest in said FLOU S.P.A.

FLOU S.p.A., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements, applications, Letters Patent, rights, benefits, privileges and advantages hereby sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and that I will sign any applications for reissue which may be desired by the owner of the patent or patents which may be issued for the said invention or improvements.

Subscribed and executed at Meda
(Place)

on 4 April 2000.
(Date)

Rosario Messina
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