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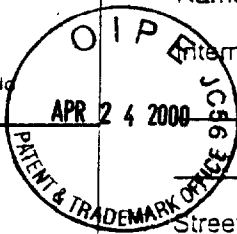
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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, we, Dr. Eckart Doege, residing at Lindenweg 40, D-30966 Hemmingen, Germany, Martin Hindersmann, residing at Freudenthalstraße 9, D-30419 Hannover, Germany, and Ulrich Keller, residing at Blücherstraße 5, D-31303 Burgdorf, Germany have invented new and useful improvements in DRIVE APPARATUS FOR A FORMING MACHINE (ANTRIEBSEINRICHTUNG FÜR EINE UMFORMMASCHINE) for which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, the said application having been filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 15, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Verein Deutscher Werkzeugmaschinenfabriken e.V. (VDW), having a place of business at Corneliusstraße 4, D-60325 Frankfurt am Main, Germany, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said application for Letters patent and in and to any letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries; .

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, we, Dr. Eckart Doege, Martin Hindersmann and Ulrich Keller, hereby assign, sell and transfer unto said Verein Deutscher Werkzeugmaschinenfabriken e.V. (VDW), the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries, and said application for Letters Patent and any and all inventions disclosed therein and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof.

We hereby authorize and request the Patent Office officials in the United States and any and all foreign countries to issue and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said Verein Deutscher Werkzeugmaschinenfabriken e.V. (VDW) as the assignee of our entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of said Verein Deutscher Werkzeugmaschinenfabriken e.V. (VDW) its successors and assigns.

Further, we agree that we will communicate to said Verein Deutscher Werkzeugmaschinenfabriken e.V. (VDW) or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuations, substitutions, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said Verein Deutscher Werkzeugmaschinenfabriken e.V. (VDW), make all rightful oaths and generally to do everything possible to aid said Verein Deutscher Werkzeugmaschinenfabriken e.V. (VDW), its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce protection for said invention in the United States and in any all foreign countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand this 3rd day of February, 1997.

E. Doege
Dr. Eckart Doege

Martin Hindersmann
Martin Hindersmann

Ulrich Keller
Ulrich Keller