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Ronnie C. Pugh, Lyn E. Lewelling, Charles D. Pierce and
Brownie S. McBride

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?

☐ Yes ☒ No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Ergonomic Design Specialties, Inc.

Internal Address:

Street Address: 3812 Wheeler Ave.

City: Ft. Smith State: AR Zip: 72901

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Ronnie C. Pugh, Lyn E. Lewelling, Charles D. Pierce and Brownie S. McBride, citizens of the United States and residing at the addresses as stated below, respectively, have jointly made an invention entitled "CONTAINER DESTACKING AND TRANSFER APPARATUS" for which we have executed an application for United States Letters Patent on February 22, 2000; and we hereby authorize our attorneys, authorized to prosecute said application, to here insert the filing date and serial number of said application, when known:

Filed: 03/06/00 Serial No. 09/515,034

WHEREAS, we represent and warrant that we are the joint owners of said invention and application for Letters Patent;

WHEREAS, Ergonomic Design Specialties, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE), a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Arkansas, U.S.A. having a place of business at 3812 Wheeler Ave., Ft. Smith, AR 72901, is desirous of acquiring the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by us, we have assigned, sold, transferred and set over and by these presents do assign, sell, transfer and set over unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to (a) said invention and worldwide rights therein; (b) said application, including all divisions, continuations and substitutions thereof; and (c) all United States and foreign patents which shall issue on said invention, including all reissues, renewals and extensions thereof, for the United States, its territories and possessions and all foreign countries, including the right to file corresponding applications for Letters Patent on said invention in any and all foreign countries, and to claim priority under any and all treaties and conventions to which the United States of America is signatory including the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property for such corresponding applications, or any division, continuation or substitution thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEE, its assigns and successors, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us, had this assignment not been made.

We jointly and severally covenant and agree that we will, at any time upon the request and at the expense of said ASSIGNEE, execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable, in the opinion of said ASSIGNEE, to enable and assist said ASSIGNEE to (a) obtain Letters Patent, both domestic and foreign, on said invention; (b) establish, maintain

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and secure title in said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to said invention, application and Letters Patent, including making such title of lawful public record; and (c) defend, establish or otherwise preserve the validity of said Letters Patent against any and all infringers, and perform such other acts as are necessary to give full force and effect to this assignment.

We jointly and severally represent and covenant that no assignment, mortgage, sale, license, pledge, encumbrance or alienation of said invention or patent application has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment and sale.

We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue all Letters Patent based on said application and each division, continuation, substitution, reissue, renewal and extension thereof to said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns.

Each of the undersigned further declares that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have duly executed this assignment on the date as indicated next to our names.

Date:

2/22/00

Ronnie C. Pugh
Residence Address:
11726 Springridge Dr.
Ft. Smith, AR 72916

State of Arkansas)
County of Sebastian) ss.

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, on this day personally appeared Ronnie C. Pugh, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 22 day of February, 2000.

Patti H. Bux
Notary Public

My commission expires: Sept. 23, 2006

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Date: 2-22-00

Lyn E. Lewelling
Lyn E. Lewelling

Residence Address:
2120 Glen West Way
Ft. Smith, AR 72916

State of Arkansas)
Sebastian County) ss.

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, on this day personally appeared Lyn E. Lewelling, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 22nd day of February, 2000.

Patti J. Knox
Notary Public

My commission expires: Sept. 23, 2006

Date: 2-22-00

Charles D. Pierce
Charles D. Pierce

Residence Address:
2204 Glen West Way
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State of Arkansas)
) ss.

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, on this day personally appeared Charles D. Pierce, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 22nd day of February, 2000.

Barbara Ann Williams
Notary Public

My commission expires: My Commission Expires Mar. 5, 2001

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Date: 2-22-00

Brownie S. McBride
Brownie S. McBride
Residence Address:
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Ft. Smith, AR 72916

State of Arkansas)
) ss.

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, on this day personally appeared Brownie S. McBride, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 22nd day of February, 2000.

Barbara Ann Williams
Notary Public

My commission expires: My Commission Expires Dec 8, 2001

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