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WHEREAS, I, William A. Bernard, depose and say that I am a citizen of the United States of America residing at 2009 Judd, Darien, Illinois 60561, in the County of Dupage; have invented certain new original and ornamental improvements in a

**CABLE DUCT COUPLER WITH LOCKING CLIP**

Our Reference No. LCB327

and described in a patent application executed by me of even date herewith (and I hereby authorize my attorney, Robert A. McCann, to here insert the filing date and serial number of said application, as soon as it is known, Filed \_\_\_\_\_, Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_) preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefore; and

WHEREAS, Panduit Corp., a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, and having its principal office and place of business at 17301 Ridgeland Avenue, Tinley Park, Illinois 60477, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention or inventions, and in, to and under Letters Patent or Design Registration therefore in the United States and all other countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN THAT, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledge, I have sold, assigned, transferred and set over and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to and unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention or inventions, and in, to and under the above-identified application and all other applications for Letters Patent of the United States and for patents, utility models and other industrial property in all other countries for the above-entitled invention or inventions, including any and all priority rights or dates pursuant to the

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal.

(L.S.) *William A. Bernard*  
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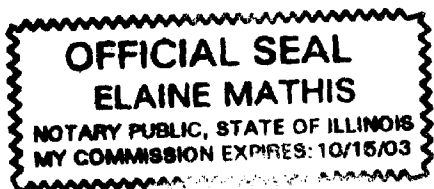
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I, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, do hereby certify that William A. Bernard, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the same instrument as his free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and notarial seal this 1<sup>st</sup>  
day of June, 2000.

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