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Name of Person Signing

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Signature

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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, **James C. Stricker, residing at 2515 Nadine Circle, Hinckley, OH 44233 and Thomas J. Kmetich, residing at 2938 Lamplight Lane, Willoughby Hills, OH 44094** have invented certain new and useful improvements in **Bottom Cover Design For Battery With Reverse Protection** for which an application for United States Letters Patent was signed by us on even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, EVEREADY BATTERY COMPANY, INC., a corporation of the state of Delaware, having a place of business at 25225 Detroit Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145 is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefore 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 whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other valuable considerations, we, the said inventors, **James C. Stricker and Thomas J. Kmetich** have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said EVEREADY BATTERY COMPANY, INC., the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries 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 in any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said EVEREADY BATTERY COMPANY, INC., as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of the said EVEREADY BATTERY COMPANY, INC., its successors and assigns.

FURTHER, we agree that we will communicate to said EVEREADY BATTERY COMPANY, INC., or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitution, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said EVEREADY BATTERY COMPANY, INC., make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said EVEREADY BATTERY COMPANY, INC., its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands this 13th day of June, 2000.

Signed in the presence of:

Russell H. Toye, Jr.
Russell H. Toye, Jr.

Signed:

James C. Stricker
James C. Stricker

Signed in the presence of:

Signed:

Thomas J. Kmetich
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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled: **Bottom Cover Design For Battery With Reverse Protection** described and claimed in the attached specification, that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above, that I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, that I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of the application in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56(a), and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns, except as follows: _____

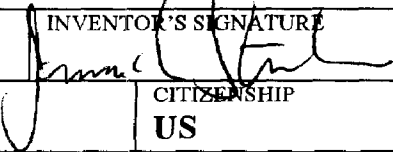
I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false 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.

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