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D. Keith Miller
Christopher R. Rogers
Farrell Smith

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Hugh Supply Company of Thomasville, Inc.
Internal Address: Post Office Box 1003

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Nature of conveyance:

☒ Assignment ☐ Merger
☐ Security Agreement ☐ Change of Name
☐ Other

Street Address: 175 Kanoy Road

City: Thomasville State: NC Zip: 27360

Execution Date: April 5, 2000

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09/489,489

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ASSIGNMENT

This Assignment made by us, D. Keith Miller, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 7238 Trotter's Run, City of Trinity, County of Randolph, State of North Carolina, and Christopher R. Rogers, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 386 Mellon Drive, City of Winston-Salem, County of Davidson, State of North Carolina, and Farrell Smith, a citizen of the United States of America, 4472 Craven Pines Road, City of Sophia, County of Randolph, State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as assignors.

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, we are the joint inventors of certain new and useful improvements in a **LOCKING WINDOW** for which we have made an application for Letters Patent of the United States, application serial number 09/489,489 filed January 21, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Hughes Supply Company of Thomasville, Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina and having a principal place of business in Thomasville, County of Davidson, State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as described in the specification executed by us concurrently herewith, and any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, To All Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said assignors, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-mentioned application and invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may hereafter be granted therefor, and in any and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, substitutions,

divisions or reissues of said Letters Patent, the same to be held and enjoyed by the said assignee, for its interest, and for its own use and behalf, and the use and behalf of its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had this assignment and sale not been made.

And for the consideration aforesaid, we hereby covenant and agree to and with the said assignee, its successors and assigns, that at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents we are the joint and lawful owners of the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, application and Letters Patent above-mentioned and that the same are unencumbered, and that we have good right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner herein set forth.

And for the consideration aforesaid, we hereby covenant and agree to and with the said assignee, its successors and assigns, that we will, whenever its counsel or the counsel of its successors and assigns, learned in the law, shall advise that an amendment, division, continuation, continuation-in-part, or substitution of, or any other proceeding in connection with said application, including interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable, sign all papers and drawings, take all rightful oaths, and do all acts necessary or required to be done for the procurement of valid Letters Patent for said invention, or for the reissue of the same without charge to our said assignee, its successors or assigns, but at its or their expense.

We hereby request the Assistant Director for Patents to issue the Letters Patent in accordance with this instrument.

For the consideration aforesaid, we have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said assignee, its successors, assigns

or nominee, the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent for said invention which may be granted in countries foreign to the United States and in and to any applications for Letters Patent which may be filed for said invention in countries foreign to the United States and in and to the invention described in said application; and we hereby authorize and empower the said assignee, its successors, assigns or nominees to apply for Letters Patent or other form of protection on said invention in its own name or in the name of its successor, assignee, or nominee, in any and all countries where it may desire to file such application and where said application may be filed by another than the inventor; and we hereby covenant and agree to sign all papers and drawings, take all rightful oaths, and do all acts necessary or required to be done for procurement of Letters Patent, or other form of protection, for said invention or inventions in countries foreign to the United States, and for further investing or confirming the right and title therein to the assignee, its successors, assignee, or nominee, without charge to our said assignee, its successor, assignee or nominee, but at its or their expense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on the date(s) indicated below.

Date: 4.5.00

x D. Keith Miller
D. Keith Miller

Date: 4/5/00

x Christopher R. Rogers
Christopher R. Rogers

Date: 4.5.00

x Farrell Smith
Farrell Smith