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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS,
Thomas Michelbach, Dainbacherweg 8, D-97980 Bad Mergentheim,
Germany, and Gisbert Schmahl, Kirchbergring 21, D-97999
Igersheim, Germany, have made an invention in

DEVICE FOR LINKING AND CONNECTING A LINE

and have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America based thereon

- < > on even date herewith
- </> and subsequently (*) officially identified as Serial
 Number 09/554,978 filed on

AND WHEREAS, Reinhold BARLIAN, Max-Eyth-Strasse 16, D-97980 Mergentheim, Germany, is desirous of acquiring the entire right (including priority rights under any and all International Conventions), title and interest in and to the said invention in and throughout the United States of America, its Territories, and all countries foreign thereto, and in and to the said application for Letters Patent, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and countries foreign thereto, which have been or may be granted on said invention or any part thereof;

NOW THEREFORE, for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged the said

Thomas Michelbach Gisbert Schmahl

have agreed to and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said Reinhold BARLIAN the entire right (including priority rights under any and all International Conventions), title and interest in and throughout the United States of America, its Territories and all countries foreign thereto in and to said invention, said application for Letters Patent, and any and all Letters Patent and extensions thereto, of the United States of America and countries foreign thereto which have been or may be granted on said invention or any part thereof, or on said application or any divisional, continuing, renewal, re-issue or other applications based on whole or in part thereon, or based upon said invention;

TO BE HELD AND ENJOYED by the said Reinhold BARLIAN, its heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns to the full ends of the terms for which said Letters Patent or any of them have been or be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had no sale and assignment

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of said interest been made; and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America which may be granted upon the said applications above referred to, or any of them, or upon said invention or any part thereof, to Reinhold BARLIAN aforesaid; and we hereby agree for ourselves and for our heirs, executors and administrators, to execute without further consideration any further lawful documents and any further assurances, and any reissue, renewal, or other application for Letters Patent that may be deemed necessary by the assignee herein named, fully to secure to the said assignee Reinhold BARLIAN interest as aforesaid in and to said invention or any part thereof, and in and to several Letters Patent or any of them.

And we do hereby covenant for ourselves and our legal representatives and agree with Reinhold BARLIAN, its successors and assigns that we have granted no license to make, use or sell the said invention, that prior to the execution of this deed their right, title and interest in the said invention had not been encumbered, that we then had good right and title to sell and assign the same and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

(*) And, we hereby appoint Horst M. Kasper to insert in this instrument after execution identifying information and in particular the serial number and the filing date of said application for United States Letters Patent when officially notified thereof

In Withess whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and

affixed our seals this X day of ...

WITTINGS MA

DATE. 26.05,00

Thomas Michelbach

Gisbert Schmahl

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County	of	•	-	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
State (of.					•		•				

On this ... day of A.D ... appeared the above named Thomas Michelbach and Gisbert Schmahl, personally known to me, and known by me to be the one who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledge the same to be their free act and deed, before me.

> Notary Public

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