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**Assignment of Rights in Invention
(Sole inventor; single assignee)**

Docket No.
D50-0108-1

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Assignee

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Whereas, I, the above-identified Inventor, have invented certain new and useful improvements in:

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(hereinafter referred to as "Invention") for which I am making application for Letters Patent in the United States of America;

And, whereas I desire to assign a 100% undivided interest in said Invention, said application disclosing the Invention and any Letters Patent which may be granted therefor to the above-identified Assignee, and whereas said Assignee is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the same;

*Now, this indenture witnesseth, that for the sum of **One** dollars (\$**1.00**), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged;*

I hereby assign, sell and transfer a 100% undivided interest in said invention, said application, including any divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States, and countries foreign thereto, which may be granted for said Invention, and in and to any and all priority rights, Convention rights, and other benefits accruing or to accrue to me with respect to the filing of applications for patents or securing of patents in the United States and countries foreign thereto, unto said Assignee;

And I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said United States Letters Patent to said Assignee, as assignee of the whole right, title and interest thereto;

And I further agree to execute all necessary and lawful future documents, including assignments in favor of Assignee, or its designees as Assignee or its Assignees may from time-to-time present to me in order to perfect title in said Invention, modifications, and improvements in said Invention, applications and Letters Patent of the United States and countries foreign thereto;

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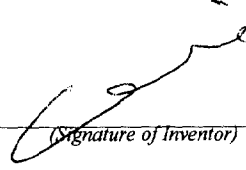
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And I further agree to sign and properly execute such necessary and lawful papers for application for foreign patents, for filing divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application for patent, and/or, for obtaining any reissue or reissues of any Letters Patent which may be granted for my aforesaid Invention, as the Assignee thereof shall hereafter require and prepare at its own expense.


Executed this 9th day of June, in the year 2000
at Greenville, South Carolina.


(Signature of Inventor)

State of South Carolina

County of Greenville

Before me personally appeared **Eric Philippe Vinesse**
who acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be a free act and deed and also represented that he or she is authorized to
execute the same this 9th day of June, in the year 2000


(Notary Public)

My Commission Expires
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