

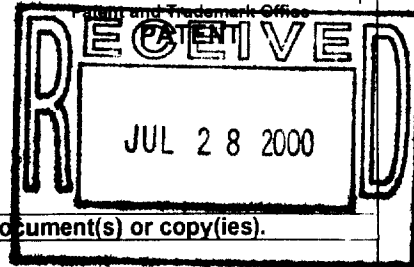
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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT RIGHTS

Patent No.
4,875,314

WHEREAS, James E. Claus of 144 SW 153rd, Suite E, Burien, Washington 98166 ("J. Claus") and Anchor Tiedown Systems, Inc., a Washington corporation having its principal place of business at 144 SW 153rd, Suite E, Burien, Washington 98166 ("Anchor", and collectively with J. Claus, the "Assignor") have acquired and own exclusively a certain invention entitled Connection System for Preventing Uplift of Shear Walls (the "Invention") for which Letters Patent of the United States of America has issued on October 24, 1989 and has been assigned patent number 4,875,314 (the "Patent"); and

WHEREAS, Simpson Strong-Tie Company Inc., a California corporation having its principal place of business at 4637 Chabot Drive, Suite 200, Pleasanton, California 94588 ("Assignee") desires to acquire the exclusive right, title and interest in and to the Invention and in and to the Patent and any similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States of America, or its territorial possessions or in any and all foreign countries;

WHEREAS, on March 1, 1993 and as amended on January 1, 1997, J. Claus and Charles R. Condon ("C. Condon") entered into a License Agreement ("License Agreement") with Anchor giving Anchor the exclusive right to license the Patent for a period of thirteen (13) years;

WHEREAS, on July 31, 1999, C. Condon entered into a Stock Redemption and Separation Agreement with Anchor whereby, among other things, C. Condon assigned all of his rights and obligations in the Patent and the License Agreement to Anchor, effectively terminating half of the License Agreement as Anchor became both licensor and licensee of fifty percent (50%) of the Patent;

WHEREAS, Anchor, J. Claus, Arthur B. Richardson, Kenneth T. Boilen and Assignee have entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement ("Asset Purchase Agreement"), whereby Assignee will obtain all rights and obligations of Anchor under the License Agreement;

WHEREAS, in connection with the Asset Purchase Agreement and as a consequence of this Assignment Agreement, Assignee will become the sole licensor and licensee of the Patent, thereby nullifying the License Agreement, as a party may not license a right to itself;

WHEREAS, the parties desire to assign the Patent and to acknowledge the termination of the License Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby sells, assigns, transfers and sets over to Assignee and its successors and assigns, full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the Invention and to the Patent or similar legal protection in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries, now existing or that may be obtained for the Invention in addition to the Patent, and to any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof or any legal equivalent thereof in the United States or any foreign country for the full term or

terms for which the same may be granted, including all priority rights under the International Convention.

Assignor hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into that would conflict with this Assignment. Assignor further covenants that Assignee will, upon request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to the Invention and the Patent and all legal equivalents as may be known or accessible to Assignor, and that Assignor, at Assignee's expense, will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation relating thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to Assignee or its legal representatives any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce the Invention, the Patent and its equivalents in the United States or in any foreign country, which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof. Assignor authorizes Assignee to record this Assignment with the United States Patent and Trademark Office without any further consent or signature from Assignor.

Effective as of the Closing Date (as defined in the Asset Purchase Agreement), J. Claus and Anchor agree that the License Agreement, and all rights and obligations thereunder, shall be terminated automatically and of no further force or effect.

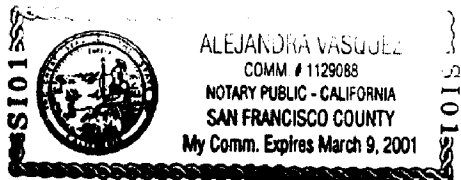
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Assignment of Patent Rights has been duly executed and delivered by the undersigned on the dates set forth below their respective signatures.

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Anchor Tiedown, Inc.

By: James E. Claus

Title: PRESIDENT

Date: 7/28, 2000

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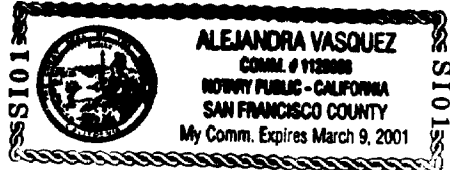
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ON July 28, 2000, BEFORE ME, Alejandra Vasquez, Notary Public
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