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Phillip C. Ruehl, Pete Szeszterniak

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

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

Name: Tower Automotive, Inc.

Street Address: 5211 Cascade Road S.E., Suite 300

City: Grand Rapids State: Michigan ZIP: 49546

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09/630,483

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Phillip C. Ruehl of 1225 Overhill Road, Elm Grove, Wisconsin, 53122, and Pete Szessterniak of 4515 Edington Lane, Brookfield, Wisconsin, 53045, have invented and own a certain invention entitled MULTI-PIECE SIDERAIL FOR MEDIUM AND HEAVY TRUCKS for which an application is about to be made for Letters Patent of the United States, said application having been executed on even date herewith, and which may be identified in the United States Patent Office by Serial No. 09/630,483 filed August 2, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Tower Automotive, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Wisconsin, and having its principal offices at 5211 Cascade Road, S.E., Suite 300, Grand Rapids, MI 49546, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations to us in hand paid by said Assignee, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application and the Letters Patent, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue, including all of our rights under the International Convention, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to the above-mentioned assignee in accordance herewith.

We hereby authorize the above-mentioned assignee, its successors and assigns or anyone it may properly designate, to insert in this instrument the filing date and Serial Number of said application when ascertained. We further authorize said assignee, its successors and assigns, or anyone it may properly designate, to apply for Letters Patent, in its own name if desired, in any and all foreign countries, and additionally to claim the filing date of said United States application and/or otherwise take advantage of the provisions of the International Convention.

Upon said consideration, we do hereby covenant and agree with the said assignee, its successors and assigns, that we will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that we or our executors or administrators will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, execute such additional writings and do such additional acts as said assignee, its successors and assigns, may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, continuation, reissued or extended Letters Patent of the United States, or of any and all foreign countries on said invention, and in enforcing any rights, occurring as a result of such applications or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals.

Date: 7/31/, 2000

Phillip C. Ruehl
Phillip C. Ruehl

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Milwaukee)

On this 31st day of July, 2000, before me personally appeared PHILLIP C. RUEHL, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Jolene L Shellman
Notary Public

Date: 7/31/, 2000

Pete Szesterniak
Pete Szesterniak

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Milwaukee)

On this 31st day of July, 2000, before me personally appeared PETE SZESTERNIAK, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

Jolene L Shellman
Notary Public