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jointly invented by us, together with the patent rights and rights of protection to the invention or improvements throughout the world, including any patent rights which may result or claim priority from United States Patent Application Serial No. _____ filed _____, and in and to any and all divisional, continuation, reissue, reexamination, renewal, extension, substitution and confirmation applications and patents granted thereon, to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee for its own use and behalf as fully and entirely as if the invention or improvements would have been held and enjoyed by us if this Assignment had not been made.

We warrant that we are the sole and exclusive owners of the interests assigned herein and have the right to make this Assignment. We further warrant that there are no prior sales, assignments, leases, agreements or any encumbrances of any type in the interests assigned herein. We agree that we will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever which conflicts with the interests assigned herein.

We authorize and request the patent office officials in the United States to issue the patent rights to Heuft Systemtechnik GmbH.

We authorize and request the attorneys of record in the application to insert in this Assignment the date and serial number of the application when known.

We hereby agree, upon the request and at the expense of the Assignee, but without further or additional consideration, to execute any and all divisional, continuation, reissue, reexamination, renewal, extension, substitution and confirmation applications for the invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or supplemental oath or affidavit relating thereto, that the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient. We agree to promptly provide Assignee all pertinent facts and documents relating to the invention of which we know or of which we in the future become aware. We further agree, upon the request of the Assignee, in the event of the application or any divisional, continuation, reissue, reexamination, renewal, extension, substitution or confirmation applications and patents granted on the invention or any improvements becoming involved in an interference, opposition, court or other proceeding, to cooperate to the best of our ability with the Assignee in preparing and executing the preliminary statement, giving and producing evidence, and giving testimony in support thereof.

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