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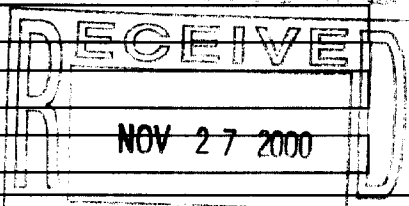
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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT

WHEREAS, Werner Co., a Pennsylvania corporation, with a mailing address at 93 Werner Road, Greenville, Pennsylvania 16125 ("ASSIGNOR"), is the exclusive owner of the below listed Patent of the United States of America, and;

WHEREAS, WIP Technologies, Inc., a Delaware corporation, located and doing business at 1105 North Market Street, Suite 1300, P.O. Box 8985, Wilmington, Delaware 19899-8985 ("ASSIGNEE"), desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest to the below listed Patent and the invention covered thereby.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR does hereby assign, transfer and set over to ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to the below listed Patent in the U.S. and its territorial possessions and any continuation, division, renewal, substitution, reissue or re-examination thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE for its own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, to the end of the terms for which said Patents are or may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by ASSIGNOR if this assignment would not have been made, together with all claims and damages by reason of past infringement of said Patent, with the right to sue for, and collect the same for its own use, and for the use of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, and thus; the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is requested to record this Assignment of Patent for the following:

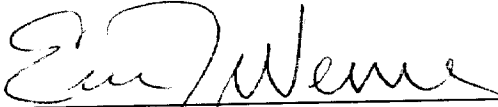
1.	U.S. Patent No.	6,142,255
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	File Date:	6/5/1997
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The undersigned officer of ASSIGNOR hereby appoints Geoffrey R. Hartenstein, of 93 Werner Road, Greenville, Pennsylvania, 16125 Tel: (724) 588-2000, Ext. 2640 as its attorney to file this assignment with full power to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected to the aforementioned Patent revoking all former powers of attorney.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the ASSIGNOR has set its hand and affixed its seal this 27th day of November, 2000.

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