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

Name: **Hunter Douglas Inc.**

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Street Address: **2 Park Way**

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Joint US Inventors**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS we, **Wendell B. Colson and Brian M. Hoffman** (the "Inventors"), residing respectively at **48 Black Oak Road, Weston, MA 02193-1126**, and **717 Church Lane, Louisville, CO 80027**, are the joint inventors of an invention in ***Control And Suspension System For A Covering For Architectural Openings***, for which invention a US patent application with serial number **09/338,332** was filed on **22 June 1999**, and we are entitled to assign our entire right, title and interest world-wide in and to the invention and any intellectual property protection for the invention, including the US patent application and any Canadian patent application therefor; and

WHEREAS **Hunter Douglas Inc.** (the "Company"), having a place of business at **2 Park Way, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey 07458 USA**, is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest world-wide in and to the invention and any intellectual property protection for the invention, including the US patent application and any Canadian patent application therefor;


NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of one Dollar (USD 1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign and transfer to the Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest world-wide in and to the invention and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models and designs, whether original, divisional, continuation, renewal, reissue, or the like, now on file or subsequently filed, for the invention world-wide, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for such applications the priority rights derived from the US patent application under any national or international intellectual property laws or agreements and any industrial property protection including, without limitation, patents, utility models and designs, now or hereafter granted, for the invention world-wide, and any extensions, renewals, reissues or the like thereof.

FURTHER we hereby authorize and request any official of any state, responsible for issuing patents or other evidence or forms of any industrial property protection, to issue the same for the invention to the Company, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with this assignment.

ALSO we hereby agree that we have the full right to convey our entire, right, title and interest in and to the invention world-wide and all applications for industrial property protection for the invention world-wide and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict with this assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands the day, month and year opposite our signatures below.

Nov 30 00  
(Date)

  
 (Inventor : Signature and Name)  
 Wendell B. Colson  
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TODAY BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for the place stated below, personally appeared **Wendell B. Colson**, to me known and known to me to be the Inventors named above, who signed this assignment and acknowledged it to be their free act and deed.

11-30-00  
(Date)

**ELICIA D. HUNT**  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires  
**November 25, 2005**

**(Commission Expiry Date)**

Weyland, MA  
(Place)

Alicia D Hunt  
(Notary Public : Signature and Name)

11/29/2000  
(Date)

  
(Inventor : Signature and Name)  
Brian M. Hoffmann

TODAY BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for the place stated below, personally appeared **Brian M. Hoffmann**, to me known and known to me to be the Inventors named above, who signed this assignment and acknowledged it to be their free act and deed.

November 29, 2000  
(Date)

June 22, 2004  
(Commission Expiry Date)

Broomfield, Co.  
(Place)

  
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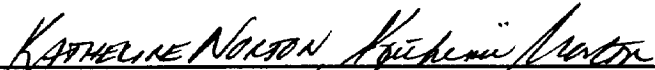
THE COMPANY hereby acknowledges the previous statements of the Inventors and accepts their assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Company, by its undersigned Director, sets its hand the day, month and year opposite its signature.

12/7/2000  
(Date)

  
(Director of Company : Signature and Name)

UPPER MERIDEN RIVER, N.J.  
(Place)

  
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