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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Dwight David JOHNSON

hereinafter called "ASSIGNOR", residing at 157 Willow Avenue, No. 3, West Somerville, Massachusetts, 02144,

have invented certain new and useful improvements in

RETRACTABLE PYLON ARRANGEMENT

for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on August 4, 2000, as U.S. Serial No. 09/631 573.

WHEREAS, NATIONAL SIGN & SIGNAL CO.

hereinafter called "ASSIGNEE", a corporation of the State of Michigan, having a place of business at 301 South Armstrong Road, Battle Creek, Michigan, 49015

is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and other valuable considerations, I, the said ASSIGNOR have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof.

I hereby authorize and request the Patent Office Officials in the United States and any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said ASSIGNEE as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of the said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns.

Further, I agree that I will communicate to said ASSIGNEE or its representatives any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said ASSIGNEE, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this & 23AD day of A4345T___, 2000.

Witnessed by:

Inventor:

Dwight David JOHNSON

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