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Golden Blount

Additional name(s) and address(es) attached?  Yes  No

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

Name: Golden Blount, Inc.

Internal Address:

Street Address: 4301 Westgrove  
Addison, Texas 75001

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3. Nature of conveyance:

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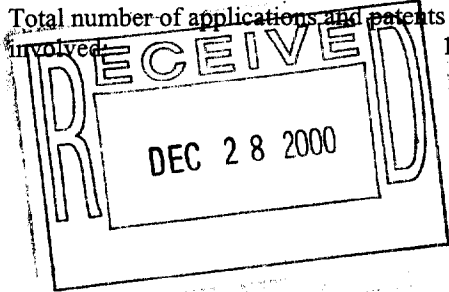
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In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

**ASSIGNOR:** Golden Blount  
5310 Harbor Town  
Dallas, Texas 75287

hereby sells, assigns and transfers to

**ASSIGNEE:** Golden Blount, Inc.  
4301 Westgrove  
Addison, Texas 75001

the entire right, title and interest in and to the patent entitled:

**Gas-Fired Artificial Logs and Coals-Burner Assembly**

which is found in U.S. Patent No. 5,988,159 issued November 23, 1999 and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country. The said Patent is to be held and enjoyed by the said ASSIGNEE for its own use, and for its legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Patent is granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by ASSIGNOR had this assignment and sale not been made. ASSIGNOR further assigns the right to sue and recover damages for all past infringement of the said patent.

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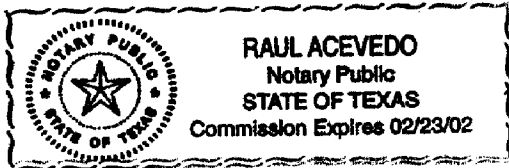
  
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STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF DALLAS

Before me this 21 day of Dec. 2000, personally appeared the above named individual, to me known to be the person who is described in, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein expressed.



  
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