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**ASSIGNMENT**

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In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assign to LINK MFG., LTD., an Iowa corporation, having an address of 223 15th Street N.E., Sioux Center, Iowa 51250, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 09/691,510, filed in the United States Patent Office on the 18th day of October, 2000, entitled A LIFT AXLE SUSPENSION MOUNTING SYSTEM, and in said application and any and all other applications for United States Letters Patent, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

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The undersigned hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to LINK MFG., LTD.

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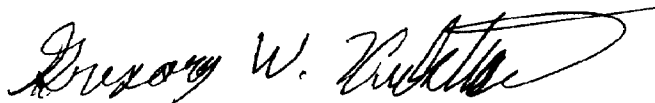
For said considerations, the undersigned hereby agree, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional, continuation and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and for the said considerations the undersigned further agree, upon the request of said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned hereby becoming involved in interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said assignee, its successors or assigns in the matter of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and producing evidence in support

1 thereof, the undersigned hereby agreeing to perform, upon request, any and all  
affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent of the United States and vest all rights  
therein hereby conveyed in said assignee, its successors and assigns, whereby said  
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5 assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully  
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reason of past infringement of said Letters Patent with the right to sue for and collect the  
same for its own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of its successors,  
10 assigns or other legal representatives.

And for said considerations, the undersigned hereby assign to said assignee, its  
successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in said invention or  
improvements for any and all foreign countries and agree upon the request of assignee,  
its successors and assigns, to execute any and all documents that undersigned shall be  
15 requested to execute in connection with any and all applications for foreign Letters  
Patent therefore, including the prosecution thereof, and to execute any and all  
documents necessary to vest title in said foreign applications and patents in assignee.

The attorneys of record are hereby authorized to insert the serial number and  
filing date in the above blank spaces when received from the Patent Office.

20 Witness my hand and seal this 13 day of October, 2000.



GREGORY W. HULSTEIN

1 STATE OF IOWA            ]  
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5 On this 13th day of October, 2000, before me, a Notary Public in and for the county and state aforesaid, appeared GREGORY W. HULSTEIN, to me personally known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

10 Erica McAlpine  
Notary Public My commission expires 11-21-2001

Witness my hand and seal this 13th day of October, 2000.

Philip L. Kats  
PHILIP L. KATS

15 STATE OF IOWA            ]  
                                  ] ss.  
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20 On this 13th day of October, 2000, before me, a Notary Public in and for the county and state aforesaid, appeared PHILIP L. KATS, to me personally known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

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