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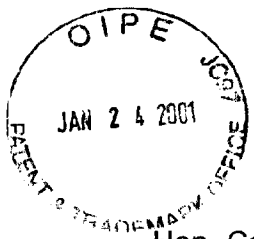


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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 3.31, enclosed herewith is a document for recordal in this case. The following information is provided:

**(1) Name Of Party Conveying The Interest:**

Gerard J. Kmita  
Brett J. Borella and  
Jeffrey M. Aftanas

**(2) Name And Address Of Party Receiving The Interest:**

JAC Products, Inc.  
1901 East Ellsworth  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108

**(3) Description Of The Transaction To Be Recorded:**

Assignment       License  
 Change of Name    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**(4) Application(s) and/or Patent(s) Against Which Enclosure Is To Be Recorded:**

Serial Number 09/698,755, filed October 27, 2000  
 Application being filed concurrently herewith.  
 Patent Number \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

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**(5) Name And Address Of The Party To Whom Correspondence Concerning The Request To Record Should Be Mailed:**

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(6) **Number Of Applications and/or Patents Identified In The Cover Sheet And Total Recordal Fee:**

Number of Applications/Patents: 1

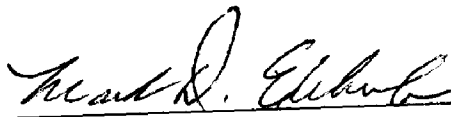
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(7) **Date(s) The Document Was Executed:** January 11, 2001

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct, and if the attached is not an original document, the undersigned verifies that it is a true copy of the original.

If, for some reason, Applicant(s) has/have not paid a sufficient fee, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any further fees which may be due. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

By:   
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Attorney for Applicant(s)

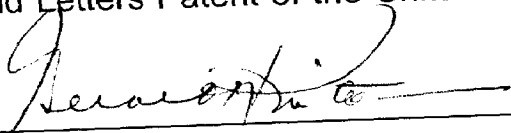
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## ASSIGNMENT BY JOINT INVENTORS

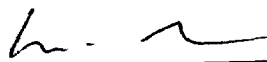
WHEREAS, the undersigned, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, has invented CARGO SUPPORTING APPARATUS FOR USE WITH A BED OF A PICKUP TRUCK for which Assignors have made United States application for patent under Serial No. 09/698,755, filed October 27, 2000, and

WHEREAS, JAC Products, Inc., a Michigan corporation, having a place of business at 1901 East Ellsworth, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48108, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, are desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

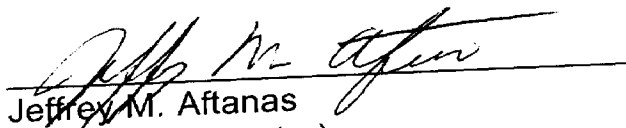
NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignor by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee its successors in interest, the full and exclusive right in the United States of America and all foreign countries, including the right to claim priority under the laws of the United States and the Paris Convention, to the said invention as described in the specification executed by Assignor of even date preparatory to filing a United States application for patent therefor, said invention and all United States applications for patent and all Letters Patent therefor to be held and enjoyed by Assignee to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted and any extensions thereof as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made; and Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to execute all instruments or documents required or requested for the making and prosecution of United States application for patent and all foreign countries on, for litigation regarding, or for the purpose of protecting title to the said invention, the United States application for patent, or Letters Patent therefor for the benefit of Assignee without further or other compensation than that above set forth; and Assignor hereby requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States of America to Assignee.



Gerard J. Kmita  
(First joint inventor)



Brett J. Borella  
(Second joint inventor)



Jeffrey M. Aftanas  
(Third joint inventor)

State of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ ) ss.

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001,  
before me personally appeared the foregoing individuals, who executed the foregoing  
instrument and who acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own  
free will for the purpose therein set forth.

Elaine M. Biga  
Notary Public,

(seal)

Macomb County, State of Michigan  
My Commission Expires: 5-26-03

ELAINE M. BIGA  
NOTARY PUBLIC MACOMB CO., MI  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES May 26, 2003  
*Acting in Oakland County*