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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Timothy Thuline

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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: The GSI Group, Inc.

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: P. O. Box 20, 1004 East Illinois Street

City: Assumption State: Illinois Zip: 62510

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment Merger
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4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

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A. Patent Application No.(s) _____

B. Patent No.(s) _____

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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence should be mailed:

Name: Polster, Lieder, Woodruff & Lucchesi, L.C.

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$40.00

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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, I, Timothy Thuline, a citizen of the United States, resident of the City of Taylorville, State of Illinois, whose post office address is 805 W. Adams, Taylorville, Illinois 62568, have invented certain improvements in POULTRY FEEDER for which I am about to make, and have this day executed, application for Letters Patent of the United States, identified as Attorney's Docket No. 7866.

AND, WHEREAS, THE GSI GROUP, INC., a Delaware Corporation, with offices at Post Office Box 20, 1004 East Illinois Street, Assumption, Illinois 62510 is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements in POULTRY FEEDER and all patent rights therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, said Timothy Thuline, do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto said The GSI Group, Inc., the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements, and in and to all Letters Patent and patent rights which may be granted or issued for said improvements, in the United States and all foreign countries, and any reissue, reexamination, continuation, continuation-in-part, division, or extension thereof, the same to be held and enjoyed by said The GSI Group, Inc., a corporation, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me if this Assignment and sale had not been made; and I agree to execute such further applications, powers of attorney, assignments and other documents as may be necessary or desirable to effectuate this Agreement.

AND I DO HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue that said Letters Patent, when granted, to the said The GSI Group, Inc., a corporation, its successors and assigns, as assignees of the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements, for the sole use and behoof of said The GSI Group, Inc., a corporation, and for its successors and assigns, to the full ends of the terms for which Letters Patent may be granted.

AND I further grant to The GSI Group, Inc., a corporation, its successors and assigns, the right to claim for any application for patent for said improvements the full benefit of any international agreement between the United States and any foreign country or countries.

AND my attorney is hereby authorized to insert in this Assignment the Serial No. and filing date of said application, when advised thereof, as follows:

Serial No. _____ Filed: _____

Date: Dec 27 2000

Tim Thuline

Timothy Thuline, Inventor

STATE OF Illinois)

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COUNTY OF Shelby)

On this 27th day of December, 2000, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Timothy Thuline, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above Assignment, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, as his own free act and deed.

Darla Galvin

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8/29/04

