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1. Name of conveying party(ies):  
**Daniel E. Schuld**  
 Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? ( ) Yes (X) No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)  
 Name: **RPS Products, Inc.**  
 Internal Address:  
 Street Address: **281 Keyes Avenue**  
**Hampshire, Illinois 60140**  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:  
 Name: **Paul G. Juettner**  
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**Carole A. Mickelson** \_\_\_\_\_ *Carole A. Mickelson* \_\_\_\_\_ **February 12, 2001** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Daniel E. Schuld, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 822 Carriageway Ct., Palatine, Illinois 60067, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR, has invented and owns a certain invention entitled:

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for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been filed on even date; and

WHEREAS, RPS PRODUCTS, INC., a corporation of the State of Illinois, having a principal place of business at 281 Keyes Avenue, Hampshire, Illinois 60140, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and the United States Letters Patent to be obtained therefor:

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that 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 hereby sells, assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention and all Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefor on said utility application or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

ASSIGNOR also assigns all of his rights, titles and interests in and to said invention in all foreign countries, and all applications for Letters Patent which may evolve therefrom, including the right to claim International Convention priority.

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment and sale.

ASSIGNOR further covenants that ASSIGNEE will, upon their request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and said Letters Patent as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and ASSIGNOR will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto and

will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or their legal representative any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes hereof.

Date 2-9-2001

*Daniel E. Schuld*  
Daniel E. Schuld

State of Illinois )  
County of ) ss:  
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I hereby certify that Daniel E. Schuld before me personally appeared and acknowledged that the foregoing Assignment was duly signed, sealed and delivered by him as his free and voluntary act on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

(Notarial Seal)

*Barbara A Trask*  
Notary Public

My commission expires:  
5/1/2002

