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Street Address: 8111 Lyndale Avenue South

City: Bloomington State: MN ZIP: 55420-1196

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**PORTABLE BLOWER/VACUUM HAVING AIR INLET COVER
ATTACHABLE TO BLOWER TUBE**

Filed: HEREWITH

Serial No.: UNKNOWN

and executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America based thereon;

Now, therefore, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged, we have individually and jointly agreed to assign and transfer and do hereby assign and transfer unto The Toro Company ("Company"), a corporation of Delaware, having its principal office at 8111 Lyndale Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55420-1196, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention and application, and in and to any division or continuation (in whole or in part) of said application, and in and to any and all improvements in said invention made by us or any of us or made jointly with others (provided any such improvement is made during, or within one year after the termination of, the employment by the Company of whichever of us, solely or jointly with one or more others, has made the same), and in and to any and all Letters Patent, reexaminations, reissues, or extensions thereof, of the United States of America and countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent, Utility Models, or Inventors' Certificates in foreign countries in its own name and to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise), which have been or may be granted thereon or on any continued prosecution application, divisional, continuation (in whole or in part), renewal, reexamination, reissue, or other or further application based in whole or in part upon said invention or improvements thereon, to be held and enjoyed as fully and exclusively as they would have been by us or any of us had this assignment and transfer not been made;

We do further agree for ourselves and for our heirs, executors, and administrators, to execute and deliver without further consideration any further applications, assignments, and documents, and to perform such other acts as we lawfully may, that may be deemed necessary by the Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees, fully to secure its right, title, and interest as aforesaid and to obtain or maintain Letters Patent, Utility Models, or Inventors' Certificates in any and all countries;

And we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patent which may be granted upon any of said applications, to The Toro Company as the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest therein.

Applicants: Svoboda et al.

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In witness whereof, we have hereunto signed our names on the days and years set forth below.

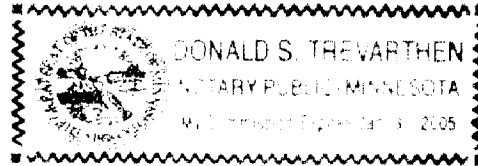
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STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN) ss.



On this 8th day of February 2001, before me personally appeared Steven J. Svoboda to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he/she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Donald S. Trevarthen

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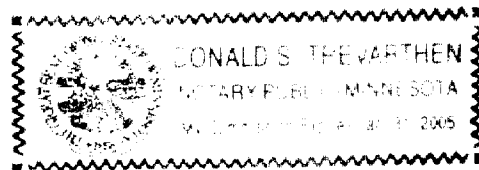
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