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Jeffrey L. Spanski  
Kristen Leanne Lake

2. Name and Address of Party(ies) receiving an interest:

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Internal Address:  
Street Address: 701 Woodlands Parkway  
City: Vernon Hills  
State/Zip: IL 60061

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Additional name(s) and addresses attached?

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09/637,398

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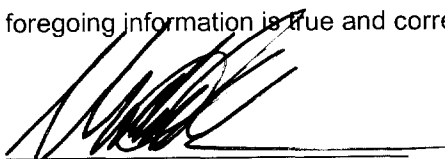
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Date

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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, Jeffrey L. Spanski and Kristen Leanne Lake, hereinafter called the "Assignors", have made the invention described in the United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/637,398, filed on August 11, 2000 and entitled HIGH-VISIBILITY DISPLAY RACK;

WHEREAS, AMERICAN TOOL COMPANIES, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having a place of business at 701 Woodlands Parkway, Vernon Hills, IL 60061, hereinafter called the "Assignee", desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and all patents which may be obtained for said invention, as set forth below;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other valuable and legally sufficient consideration, the receipt of which by the Assignors from the Assignee is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and the patent application identified above, and any patents that may issue for said invention in the United States; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and all patent applications and patents therefor in all countries foreign to the United States, including the full right to claim for any such application all benefits and priority rights under any applicable convention; together with the entire right, title and interest in and to all continuations, divisions, renewals and extensions of any of the patent applications and patents defined above; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for all such patents.

The Assignors hereby covenant and agree, for both the Assignors and the Assignors' legal representatives, that the Assignors will assist the Assignee in the prosecution of the patent application identified above; in the making and prosecution of any other patent applications that the Assignee may elect to make covering the invention identified above; in vesting in the Assignee like exclusive title in and to all such other patent applications and patents; and in the prosecution of any interference which may arise involving said invention, or any such patent application or patent; and that the Assignors will execute and deliver to the

Assignee any and all additional papers which may be requested by the Assignee to carry out the terms of this Assignment.

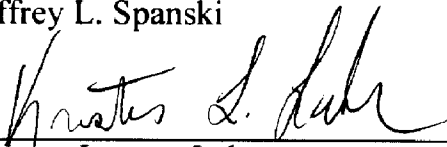
The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue patents to the Assignee in accordance with the terms of this Assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignors have executed this agreement.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeffrey L. Spanski

DATED: 1-23-01

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Kristen Leanne Lake

STATE OF )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF )

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Jeffrey L. Spanski, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission Expires:

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Kristen Leanne Lake, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this  
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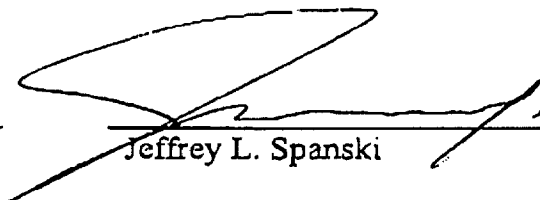
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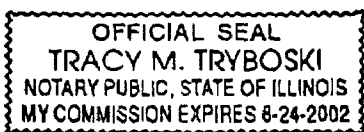
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STATE OF )  
COUNTY OF ) ss.  
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I, Tracy M. Tryboski, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Jeffrey L. Spanski, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this day of 1/25, 2001.

(SEAL)



Tracy M. Tryboski  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 8-24-2002

STATE OF IL )  
COUNTY OF COOK ) ss.  
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I, \_\_\_\_\_, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Kristen Leanne Lake, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that (s)he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his/her free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

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