

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks



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<p>4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): Title: PANEL, PARTICULARLY A FLOOR PANEL</p> <p>If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is _____</p> <p>A. Patent Application No(s). 09/756,289 filed on January 9, 2001 B. Patent No(s).</p> <p>Additional numbers attached? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Michael E. Whitham, Esq. McGuireWoods LLP 1750 Tysons Boulevard, Suite 1800 McLean, Virginia 22102</p>	<p>6. Total number of applications and patents involved: <u>1</u></p> <p>7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$ <u>40.00</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account <input type="checkbox"/> Total fee due <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Any deficiencies in the enclosed fees</p> <p>8. Deposit account number: 23-1951</p>
<p>9. Statement and signature To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.</p> <p><u>Michael E. Whitham</u> <u>[Signature]</u> <u>March 28, 2001</u> Name of Person Signing Signature Date</p> <p>Total number of pages including cover sheet: <u>2</u></p>	

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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

WHEREAS, I, Detlef Tychsen

have invented certain new and useful improvements in A PANEL, PARTICULARLY A FLOOR PANEL for which a patent application has been filed on 01/09/01 as United States Application Number 09/756,289.

AND WHEREAS, Kronotec AG

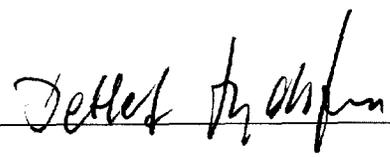
having a principal place of business at Haldenstrasse 12, 6006 Luzern, Switzerland, referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring our interest in said invention and in any Design Patent which may be granted therefor.

NOW THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, That for a valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby assign, sell and transfer unto the said assignee, our entire right, title and interest in and to inventions disclosed in said application and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States and in and to any Letters Patent or Inventor's Certificates of any and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor, and in and to any and all priority and/or Convention rights or benefits accruing or to accrue to us with respect to the filing or securing of patents in the United States and/or securing of patents or inventor's certificates in any and all countries foreign thereto.

AND we hereby grant to assignee the right to apply in its own name for patents or inventor's certificates corresponding to the above invention in countries foreign to the United States.

AND we hereby further agree to sign and properly execute such necessary and lawful papers for application for foreign patents and inventor's certificates for filing applications for United States, foreign patents and inventor's certificates for subdivisions of any applications for patent or inventor's certificate and/or for obtaining any reissue or reissues of any Letters Patent which may be granted for our aforesaid invention and to perform such further acts as may be required to carry out the intent of this agreement as the assignee thereof shall hereafter require and prepare at assignee's expense.

WITNESSETH, my hand this 21 day of Mar, 2001.

Signature: 

Printed Name: Detlef Tychsen

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