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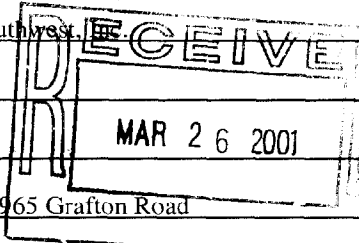
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For the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, Harry G. Rickard of 9001 S. 19th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85040-8034 do hereby assign, sell and set over to MTD Southwest, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having a place of business at 5965 Grafton Road, Valley City, Ohio 44280, hereinafter referred to as the ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest, domestic and foreign, in and to the inventions and discoveries in

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And I hereby agree for myself, my heirs, successors, assigns or other legal representatives to execute any and all papers, including applications for Letters Patent of any and all kinds and in any and all countries and to perform any and all acts which said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives may deem necessary to secure thereto the rights herein assigned, sold and set over.

And I hereby represent and warrant that I have not granted any rights inconsistent with the rights granted herein.

Date: February 15, 2001 Harry G. Rickard
HARRY G. RICKARD

STATE OF Arizona)
COUNTY OF Maricopa) ss.

On this 15th day of February, 2001, personally appeared before me Harry G. Rickard, to me known to be the person named in and who executed the above instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Karla Wilson
Notary Public
My Commission expires:



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