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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, James R. Pierrou of 9769 West State Road 14, Winamac, Indiana 46996, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, has made a new and useful invention in HYDRAULIC CIRCUIT FOR ISOLATING A LIFTING CYLINDER FROM A SECONDARY HYDRAULIC ROLLSTOP CYLINDER IN A WHEELCHAIR LIFT MECHANISM for which Assignor has made or will make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Braun Corporation, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, a corporation of the State of Indiana having a principal place of business at 631 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, P.O. Box 310, Winamac, Indiana 46996 desires to acquire all of the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under said invention disclosed, described and claimed or intended so to be in said application, and in, to and under said application, and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, which may be obtained therefor and thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good, valuable and sufficient considerations to Assignor in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee, all of the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under said invention disclosed, described and claimed or intended so to be in said application, and in, to and under said application for United States Letters Patent executed by Assignor this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001, and any and all other applications thereon and arising therefrom, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all patents to be issued and obtained therefor and thereon, United States and foreign, including all reissues and extensions thereof.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the firm of Woodard, Emhardt, Naughton, Moriarty & McNett of Bank One Center Tower, 111 Monument Circle, Suite 3700, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-5137 to insert here in parentheses (Serial No. 09/525,096, Filed March 14, 2000) the date and serial number of said application when officially known, and Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to Assignee, its assigns and legal representatives.

Assignor agrees to sign and execute any and all other papers necessary or desirable for the procurement of Letters Patent on said invention in this and all foreign countries for the use of Assignee.

WITNESS Assignor's hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.

James R. Pierrou  
James R. Pierrou

STATE OF Indiana )  
 ) SS:  
COUNTY OF Pulaski )

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State, personally appeared the above-named Assignor, James R. Pierrou, to me personally known, and who executed the foregoing Assignment in my presence and acknowledged the execution thereof as their free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth and expressed.

Connie Jones  
Notary Public

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Resident of Pulaski County

My Commission Expires:

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which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>PROVISIONAL APPLICATION NUMBER</u> <u>60/134,096</u>
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<u>FILING DATE</u> <u>April 29, 1999</u>
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