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15 The undersigned hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC.

20 For said considerations, the undersigned hereby agree, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional, continuation and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and for the said considerations the undersigned further agree, upon the request of said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned hereby becoming involved in interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said assignee, its successors or assigns in the matter of

1 preparing and executing the preliminary statement and producing evidence in support
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5 Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by the said assignee, its successors and
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and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this
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10 same for its own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of its successors,
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And for said considerations, the undersigned hereby assign to said assignee, its
successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in said invention or
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15 its successors and assigns, to execute any and all documents that undersigned shall be
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Patent therefore, including the prosecution thereof, and to execute any and all
documents necessary to vest title in said foreign applications and patents in assignee.

The attorneys of record are hereby authorized to insert the serial number and
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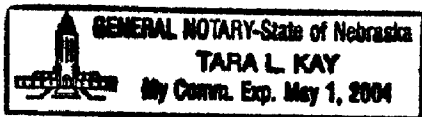


BRUCE KREIKEMEIER

1 STATE OF NEBRASKA]
] ss.
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS]

5 On this 30 day of January, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and
for the county and state aforesaid, appeared BRUCE KREIKEMEIER, to me personally
known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and
acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the
uses and purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above given.



10 Tara L. Kay
Notary Public

Witness my hand and seal this 30 day of January, 2001.

Marv Schulz
MARV SCHULZ

15 STATE OF NEBRASKA]
] ss.
COUNTY OF DOUGLAS]

20 On this 30 day of January, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and
for the county and state aforesaid, appeared MARV SCHULZ, to me personally known
to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and
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Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above given.



25 Tara L. Kay
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Witness my hand and seal this 30 day of JANUARY, 2001.

Craig Malsam
CRAIG MALSAM

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On this 30 day of January, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for the county and state aforesaid, appeared CRAIG MALSAM, to me personally known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

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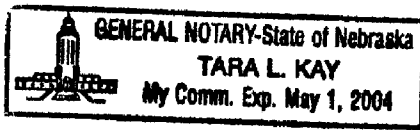
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