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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Ali A. Ghafourian (Assignor), of Athens County of Clarke, State of Georgia. and a citizen of the United States of America, whose residence and Post Office address is 1040 Scott Terrace, Athens, Georgia 30606; and Clinton D. Thornton (Assignor), of Dyersburg, County of Dyer, State of Tennessee and a citizen of the United States of America, whose residence and Post Office address is 45 Joshua Circle, Dyersburg, Tennessee 38024, are the inventors of certain new and useful improvements in a stackable pallet bracket, including a new, original and ornamental design therefor (collectively the "Invention") for which an application for United States Letters Patent was executed by us on 19 April 2001, and further identified by File and Docket number A1,022DES; and,

WHEREAS, ERMCO (Assignee), a Kentucky corporation, whose principal place of business is 2225 Industrial Road, Dyersburg, Tennessee 38025-1228, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said Invention and said invention;

NOW, THEREFOR, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which in hand is hereby acknowledged by each of us, and other good and valuable consideration, we, Ali A. Ghafourian (Assignor), and Clinton D. Thornton (Assignor), by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said ERMCO (Assignee), our full and exclusive right, both domestic and foreign, to the said Invention, as well as any and all provisional and non-provisional patent applications therefor, and also our entire right, title, and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefor, both domestic and foreign, as well as any and all Letters Patent granted upon any divisional, reissue, re-examination, continuation, and/or continuation-in-part applications claiming priority thereof, both domestic and foreign, as well as any and all extensions of term therefor.

We, Ali A. Ghafourian, and Clinton D. Thornton hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all said Letters Patent to the said ERMCO (Assignee), as the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the same, for its sole use and behoof; and for the use and behoof of its legal representatives, assigns, and/or

1 successors, to the full end of the term and any extensions thereof for which any and all said Letters  
2 Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this  
3 assignment and sale not been made.

4 And we, Ali A. Ghafourian, and Clinton D. Thornton hereby covenant and agree that we  
5 will at any time, upon request, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or  
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11 This agreement will be interpreted in accordance with the Federal patent laws and the laws  
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14 bound, now subscribe to this Assignment by their signatures set forth below.

2 Executed this 19 day of April, 2001, at the city/town of  
3 Dyersburg, TN.

4 [Signature]  
5 Ali A. Ghafourian (Assignor/Inventor)

6 STATE OF TN )  
7 ) SS:  
8 COUNTY OF Dyer )

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10 Sworn and subscribed before me at the city/town of Dyersburg  
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12 personally appeared before me and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and  
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14 [Signature]  
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16 My Commission expires:  
17 11-21-04.

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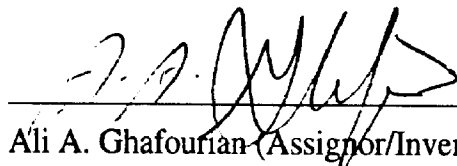
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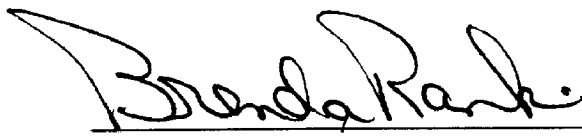
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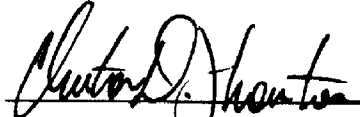
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