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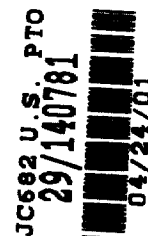
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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Edward W. Kalat

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: Southington Tool & Manufacturing Corporation
Street Address: 300 Atwater Street
City, State, ZIP: Plantsville, CT 06479
Country: United States of America

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State of Incorporation: Connecticut

3. Nature of Conveyance: Assignment

Execution Date: April 18, 2001

4. This document is being filed with a new application, the execution date of which is April 18, 2001.

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence document should be mailed:

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6. Total number of applications involved: 1

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Edward W. Kalat, residing at 310 Annelise Avenue, Southington, Connecticut 06489, have invented new and useful improvements in

Ski Brake Retention Clip

for which I am making application for Letters Patent of the United States, which application was executed by me on the 18th day of April, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Southington Tool & Manufacturing Corporation, a Connecticut corporation, having a place of business at 300 Atwater Street, Plantsville, Connecticut 06479, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements and any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One (1) Dollar to me in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Edward W. Kalat, sell, assign and transfer to Southington Tool & Manufacturing Corporation, its successors and assigns (hereinafter called "Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements and in and to any Letters Patent which may be obtained thereon in the United States and in all countries foreign thereto, together with said application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and other applications for Letters Patent which have been or may be filed on said improvements in the United States or any other country; the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee for its and their sole use and behoof; and I do hereby further assign to the Assignee the right to file applications for patent in all countries on said improvements and all rights of priority resulting from any application for Letters Patent filed on said improvements.

I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Letters Patent of the United States on said improvements to the Assignee.

I further covenant and agree that when requested by the Assignee, and without further consideration, but at the cost and expense of the Assignee, I will, for any and all countries, execute and deliver all applications for patent on said improvements, execute all lawful oaths and other papers, supply to the Assignee all facts and evidence known to me relating to said improvements and the history and development thereof, testify in all interferences, suits, and other legal proceedings, and generally do everything rightful which the Assignee shall consider desirable for aiding in securing, maintaining, and enforcing proper patent protection for said improvements and for vesting the title to said improvements in the Assignee.

I further covenant that I have the lawful right to assign the interest in said improvements in the manner and form as herein expressed and that the interests herein conveyed are free from prior assignment, grant, mortgage, license, or other encumbrance whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal as of and for this 18th day of APRIL, 2001.

Edward W. Kalat
Edward W. Kalat

State of Connecticut)
County of Hartford) ss: Plantsville

On this 18th day of APRIL, 2001, before me personally appeared Edward W. Kalat, who acknowledged that he signed the within instrument and that he executed the same as his own free act and deed.

Leslie J. Rocca
Notary Public

Date Commission Expires: 3/28/02