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<u>ASSIGNMENT</u>

WHEREAS, we, Hideyuki UENO and Junji SHIRAYA, hereafter referred to as "applicants", have invented certain new and useful improvements in LOOP PIN CONNECTING DEVICE, for which an application for a United States patent was filed on , Application No. _____ and

WHEREAS, M.I.T. INTERNATIONAL CO., LTD. and LASCO CO., LTD., of 9-7, Hino 7-chome, Kounan-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa, Japan and 8-12, Kashiwa 5-chome, Kashiwa-shi, Chiba, Japan, hereinafter referred to as "assignees", are desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), the receipt whereof is acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, applicants, by these presents, do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said assignees the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents which may be granted therefor in the United States, for their sole use and behoof, and for the use and behoof of their legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said patents may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by applicants had this assignment and sale not been made.

Applicants hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said United States patents to said assignees.

Date: November 7, 2000

Hideyuki UENO

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