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Dear Sir:

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- 1. Name of conveying party: Ryobi Limited
- 2. Name and address of receiving party: MTD Southwest Inc  
f/k/a MTD Acquisition Corporation  
5965 Grafton Road  
Valley City, Ohio 44280

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment                       Merger
- Security Agreement               Change of Name
- Other.....

Execution Date: June 12, 2001

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:.....

a. Patent Application No.(s):

b. Patent No.(s): 5,176,116; 5,243,937; 5,213,074; 5,588,408; 5,606,944

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

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Akron, OH 44308-1136

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: [ 5 ]

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**PATENT ASSIGNMENT**

This **PATENT ASSIGNMENT** is given as of the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2001, by **RYOBI LIMITED**, a Japanese corporation, with its principal place of business at 762 Mesaki-cho, Fuchu, Hiroshima 726-8628, Japan ("RL" or "Seller") to **MTD SOUTHWEST INC., F/K/A MTD ACQUISITION CORP.**, a Delaware corporation, with its principal place of business at 5965 Grafton Road, Valley City, Ohio 44280 ("MAC" or "Purchaser").

**WHEREAS**, certain affiliates of Seller and Purchaser (among others) entered into a certain Outdoor Products Sale and Purchase Agreement dated as of May 31, 2000 as amended ("Purchase Agreement"), pursuant to which Seller has agreed to assign to Purchaser its rights, titles and interests in and to the patents set forth on the attached Schedule A.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained in the Purchase Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which Seller hereby acknowledges, Seller hereby assigns, transfers, and conveys its rights, titles, and interests, including without limitation, any and all rights to sue and collect damages for infringement (whether occurring before or after the above date), in and to the patents set forth on the attached Schedule A to Purchaser.

**RYOBI LIMITED**

By: Masayoshi Yodogawa

Its: Corporate Officer/General Manager

**DECLARATION PURSUANT TO  
SECTION 1746 OF TITLE 28, UNITED STATES CODE**

I, Masayoshi Yodogawa, certify that I am the Corporate Officer/General Manager of Ryobi Limited and that, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the month of June, 2001, I executed the foregoing document by authority of Ryobi Limited and for the uses and purposes therein expressed. I further certify, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the United States of America, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on June 12, 2001.

Masayoshi Yodogawa

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**Schedule A**

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>U.S./CANADA</b>	<b>FILING NO.</b>	<b>FILING DATE</b>	<b>ISSUE NO.</b>	<b>ISSUE DATE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
LUBRICATING DEVICE OF FOUR-STROKE CYCLE ENGINE UNIT FOR PORTABLE WORKING MACHINE	U.S.	812,691	12-23-91	5,176,116	01-05-93	
POP-TABLE ENGINE UNIT	U.S.	814,142	12-27-91	5,243,937	09-14-93	
LUBRICATING DEVICE OF FOUR-STROKE CYCLE ENGINE UNIT FOR PORTABLE WORKING MACHINE	U.S.	964,926	10-22-92	5,213,074	05-25-93	
ENGINE UNIT	U.S.	576,299	12-21-95	5,588,408	12-31-96	
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE	U.S.	618,316	03-19-96	5,606,944	03-04-97	