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To the Honorable Commissioner of

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the attached original documents or copy thereof.

## 1. Name of conveying party(ies):

**Eric D. Hyp**  
**817 E. Company Farm Road**  
**Apersers, PA 17304**

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

Name: **Southco, Inc.**Address: **210 North Brinton Lake Road**Additional names(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

## 3. Nature of conveyance:

- ☒ Assignment ☐ Merger  
☐ Security Agreement ☐ Change of Name  
☐ Other

Execution Date: **July 6, 2001**Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

## 4. Application number(s) or registration numbers(s):

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

Patent Application No. Filing date

B. Patent No.(s)

09/900,592

July 6, 2001

Additional numbers attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Name: **Joseph J. DiDonato**Registration No. **P48,897**Address: **Paul & Paul****2900 Two Thousand Market Street**City: **Philadelphia** State/Prov.: **PA**Country: **US** ZIP: **19331**6. Total number of applications and patents involved: **1**7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41):.....\$ **40.00**☒ Enclosed - Any excess or insufficiency should be credited or debited to deposit account☐ Authorized to be charged to deposit account

## 8. Deposit account number:

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## 9. Statement and signature.

*To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.*

**Joseph J. DiDonato**

Name of Person Signing

Signature

**August 14, 2001**

Date

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PATENT

REEL: 012076 FRAME: 0454

Attorney Docket No.: 164-01

**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, I, Eric D. Hyp, of 817 E. Company Farm Road, Aspers, PA 17304 (hereinafter referred to as the Undersigned), has invented an improvement in an ELECTRICALLY OPERATED RATCHETING PAWL LATCH for which on the date set forth below, the Undersigned executed an application for United States Letters Patent, filed on July 7, 2001.

WHEREAS, SOUTHCO, INC., a corporation of the State of Delaware and having its principal place of business at 210 North Brinton Lake Road, Concordville, PA 19331, (hereinafter referred to as the Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in said invention, said application and all letters patent issuing for said invention.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and of the obligations of the past and/or current employment of the Undersigned with the Assignee and of other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged by the Undersigned, intending to be legally bound, does hereby sell, assign and transfer to the Assignee and Assignee's legal representatives the entire right, title and interest, for the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and for all foreign countries, in said invention, said patent application and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in all letters patent including all reissues thereof, issuing for said invention.


It is agreed that the Undersigned shall be legally bound, upon request of the Assignee, to supply all information and evidence relating to the making and practice of said invention, to testify in any legal proceeding relating thereto, to execute all instruments proper to patent the invention in the United States and foreign countries in the name of the Assignee, and to execute all instruments proper to carry out the intent of this instrument.

We hereby authorize and request our attorney, H. Steve Ngo, or any other attorney of Paul & Paul, 2900 Two Thousand Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19103, to insert herein in parentheses (Application number 09/900,592) the application number of said application when known.

The rights and property herein conveyed by the Undersigned are free and clear of any encumbrance.

EXECUTED under seal on July 6, 2001, 2001 at  
Concordville, PA.

Witness:



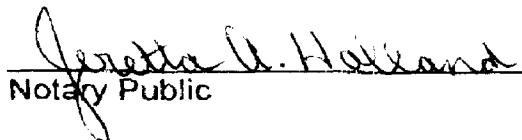
 (L.S.)  
Eric D. Hyp

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

County of Delaware

On this 6th day of July, 2001, before me  
personally, Eric D. Hyp, to me known to be the person described in and who executed  
the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same for the  
purposes therein contained.

Witness my hand and Notarial seal the day and year immediately written.

  
Notary Public

Notarial Seal  
Jeretta A. Holland, Notary Public  
Concord Twp., Delaware County  
My Commission Expires Sept. 13, 2004  
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries