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Street Address: 220 Laitram Lane

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ASSIGNMENT

Whereas I, Gilbert J. MacLachlan, of 2916 Delambert Street, Chalmette, Louisiana 70043, have made a certain new and useful invention relating to

MODULAR CONVEYOR BELT WITH ROLLING HINGE PIN PAIRS

for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, which application is identified in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as Serial No. _____, filing date _____; and

Whereas THE LAITRAM CORPORATION

of 220 Laitram Lane, Harahan, Louisiana 70123, U.S.A.,

the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention, the patent application, and the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor:

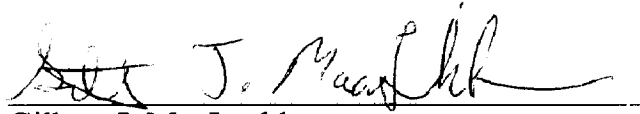
Now, therefore, for and in consideration of One Dollar, and other good and valuable considerations, paid to me, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, I have sold, assigned, and set over and by these presents do sell, assign, and set over to the Assignee and the Assignee's legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention, the patent application, the Letters Patent that may or shall issue from the patent application, and any and all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reexaminations, reissues, or extensions of the patent application or Letters Patent; and I authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the Letters Patent to the Assignee in agreement with the terms of this assignment.

I authorize the Assignee and its agents to insert or to have inserted in this instrument the execution date and/or the filing date and serial number of my patent application.

I convey to the Assignee the right to make application in its own behalf for protection of the invention in countries foreign to the United States and to claim under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (the Paris Convention), the Patent Cooperation Treaty, and any other international arrangements for any such patent application, the date of the United States application (or other patent applications, if there be any) in priority to other patent applications; and I covenant and agree with the Assignee that I will not execute any writing or do any act conflicting with this assignment, and that I will at any time, upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the Assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as the Assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the Assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and will give all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, renewal reissued, reexamined or extended Letters of Patent of the United States and of any and all foreign countries for the invention, in enforcing any rights or choses in action accruing as a result of such patent applications or patents, for example, by executing preliminary statements and other

affidavits and declarations, it being understood that this agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of, the assigns and legal representatives of both parties.

In witness whereof, I have signed and sealed this assignment on Aug. 27,
2001.




Gilbert J. MacLachlan

State of Louisiana

Parish of Jefferson

On this 27 day of August, 2001, before me, a notary public, appeared Gilbert J. MacLachlan, who is personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he signed, sealed, and delivered the instrument as his free and voluntary act.



Notary Public

My commission expires at death.

JAMES T. CRONVICH
NOTARY PUBLIC
Commissioned in the Parish
of Jefferson and qualified
throughout the State of Louisiana.
My commission is issued for life