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Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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29/143,248

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PATENT

REEL: 012143 FRAME: 0801

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, WILLIAM F. SCHMIDT of Libertyville, Illinois and MICHAEL S. MURPHY of Wilmette, Illinois, have invented an invention entitled PLUNGER CADDY which we have made application for Letters Patent of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, THE FAUCET-QUEENS, INC., a Delaware corporation having its office and a principal place of business in the City of Vernon Hills, State of Illinois, desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, We, WILLIAM F. SCHMIDT and MICHAEL S. MURPHY, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said corporation, its successors and assigns, all right, title and interest in the United States of America and all foreign countries in and to said invention as described in the patent application executed by us on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001 (Serial No. 29/143,248 ; Filed June 8, 2001); to said application; to any Letters Patent issuing thereon and any reissue, division or continuation thereof; to all patents in any country foreign to the United States that may be granted therefor or for the inventions described therein; to any improvements on said invention heretofore or hereafter made while we are in the employ of said corporation; the right to file applications for patent in countries foreign to the United States, under international convention or otherwise, and the right to claim priority based on the first filed application; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue all Patents on said United States applications to said corporation as assignee thereof.

FOR SAID CONSIDERATIONS, we hereby covenant and agree that we are the owners of the full title herein assigned and have the right to assign the same, and agree that we will communicate to said corporation or its representatives, any facts known to us respecting said invention or inventions and testify in any legal proceedings relating thereto when called upon, and will sign all instruments and documents and render such assistance which in the judgment of said corporation is necessary to vest in it and protect the legal title sought to be assigned.

Signed and sealed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001.

William F. Schmidt  
WILLIAM F. SCHMIDT

Signed and sealed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001.

Michael S. Murphy  
MICHAEL S. MURPHY

State of Illinois       )  
                                  ) ss.  
County of Lake        )

On this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County personally appeared WILLIAM F. SCHMIDT and MICHAEL S. MURPHY to me known to be the same persons who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free will and accord.



[Signature]  
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