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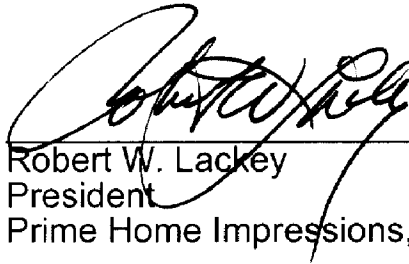
Whereas, I, Robert W. Lackey, President, of Prime/Home Impressions, LLC, desire to assign U.S. Patent Application entitled MAGNETIC METAL OBJECT RETRIEVER WITH COVER, filed on December 13, 1998, and assigned U.S. serial number 09/204,942, and

Whereas, Home Impressions , a North Carolina corporation, having a mailing address of P.O. Box 9181, Hickory, North Carolina, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the same;

Now, therefore, in consideration of the sum of one dollar and no cents (\$1.00), the receipt thereof is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, I, the said Robert W. Lackey by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Home Impressions the exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in the United States and the world.

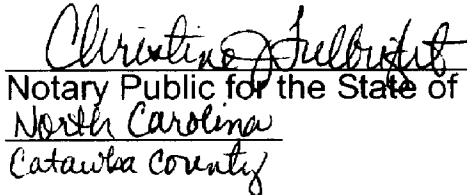
I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said Home Impressions as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for its sole use and behoof; and for the use and behoof of its legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made.

Executed this 28 day of August, 2001.


Robert W. Lackey
President
Prime Home Impressions, LLC

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Before me personally appeared said Robert W. Lackey, President of Prime/Home Impressions, LLC, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his free act and deed this 28 day of August, 2001.


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