

10-19-2001



SHEET

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Patent and Trademark Office

101879147

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, \_\_\_\_\_

attached original documents or copy thereof.

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

Harry E. Knuppel  
Kathy J. Wauson

10-10-01

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? \_\_\_ Yes XX No

## 3. Nature of conveyance:

X Assignment

\_\_\_ Merger

\_\_\_ Security Agreement

\_\_\_ Change of Name

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Execution Date: August 23, 2001

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

Name: Kness Mfg. Co., Inc.

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Hwy. 5 SouthCity: Albia State: IA Zip: 52531

Additional name(s) &amp; address(es) attached? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

## 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)

09/942,329

B. Patent No.(s)

10Additional numbers attached? \_\_\_ Yes XX No

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

Name: Michael G. Voorhees

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

Zarley, McKee, Thomte, Voorhees & Sease PLC

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

801 Grand Avenue, Suite 3200City: Des Moines State: IA Zip: 503096. Total number of applications and patents involved: 17. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$ 40.00X Enclosed If the amount is insufficient  
please charge Deposit Acct. No. 26-0084.  
\_\_\_ Authorized to be charged to deposit account

## 8. Deposit account number: \_\_\_\_\_

(Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)

10/18/2001 DEXME 00000084 09942329

01 FC:581

40.00 OF

DO NOT USE THIS SPACE

## 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.*Michael G. Voorhees

Name of Person Signing

Signature

October 8, 2001  
Date
Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: 4Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet information to:  
Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks, Box Assignments  
Washington, D.C. 20231PATENT  
REEL: 012251 FRAME: 0669

# A S S I G N M E N T

In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assign to KNESS MFG. CO, INC. an Iowa Corporation, having an address of Hwy. 5 South, Albia, Iowa 52531-0070, its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No.

09/942,329 , filed in the United States Patent Office on the 28th day of August , 2001 entitled **LOW PROFILE TILT-RAMP TRAP**, and any and all other applications for United States letters Patent, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent, applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

The undersigned hereby authorize and request the Commission of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said KNESS MFG. CO, INC.

For said considerations the undersigned hereby agree, upon the request, and at the expense of said assignee, their successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional continuation and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and for the said considerations the undersigned further agree upon the request of said assignee, their successors or assigns, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned herein becoming involved in interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said assignee, its successors or assigns in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof, the undersigned hereby agreeing to perform, upon request, any and all affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent of the United

States and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in the said assignee, its successors and assigns whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by the said assignee, its successors and assigns 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 and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment and sale had not been made.

And for said considerations the undersigned hereby assign to said assignee, their successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements for any and all foreign countries and agree upon the request of assignee, their successors and assigns to execute any and all documents that undersigned shall be requested to execute in connection with any and all applications for foreign Letters Patent therefore, including the prosecution thereof, and to execute any and all documents necessary to vest title in said foreign applications and patents in assignee.

The attorneys of record are hereby authorized to insert the serial number and the filing date in the above blank spaces when received from the Patent Office.

Harry E. Knuppel  
Harry E. Knuppel

STATE OF Iowa )  
 ) ss.  
COUNTY OF Monroe )

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared Harry E. Knuppel, to me personally known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

Mildred Eastlick  
Notary Public



Commission No.: 150577

Kathy J. Wauson  
Kathy J. Wauson

STATE OF Iowa )  
COUNTY OF Monroe ) ss.

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2001, before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, appeared Kathy J. Wauson, to me personally known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

Mildred Eastlick  
Notary Public



Commission No. 150577