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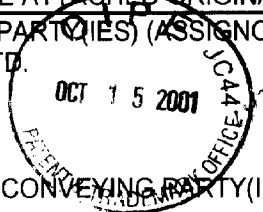
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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS. SIR: PLEASE RECORD THE ATTACHED ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS OR COPY THEREOF.

1. NAME OF CONVEYING PARTY(IES) (ASSIGNORS(S)):

1. PRODUCT COUNCIL, LTD.

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ADDITIONAL NAME(S) OF CONVEYING PARTY(IES) ATTACHED? [] YES [X] NO

2. PARTY(IES) (ASSIGNEE(S)) RECEIVING INTEREST:

NAME: FELLOWES, INC.

ADDRESS: 1789 Norwood Avenue, Itasca, Illinois 60143-1095

ADDITIONAL NAME(S) & ADDRESS(ES) ATTACHED? [] YES [X] NO

3. NATURE OF CONVEYANCE (DOCUMENT):

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- [X] ASSIGNMENT OF [X] WHOLE [] PART INTEREST
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EXEC. DATE: September 25, 2001

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4.5 APPL. NO.(S) OR PAT NO.(S). OTHERS ON ADDITIONAL SHEET(S) attached? [] YES [X] NO

Table with 6 columns: A. PAT. APP. NO.(S) series code/serial no, M#, 1st INVENTOR if not in item 1, B. PATENT NO(S), M#, 1st INVENTOR if not in item 1. Row 1: 09/870,983, 274247, [], [], []

5. Name & Address of Party to Whom Correspondence Concerning Document Should be Mailed:

Pillsbury Winthrop LLP Intellectual Property Group 1600 Tysons Boulevard McLean, VA 22102

6. NUMBER INVOLVED: APPLNS 1 + PATS 0 = TOTAL = 1

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5.5 ATTY DKT: Tel: (703) 905-2000

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9. 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.

Handwritten signature of Bryan P. Collins

Signature

10. Total number of pages including this cover sheet, attachments and document (do not file dup. Cover sheet) 3

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ASSIGNMENT

This Assignment is by and between Product Council, Ltd., an Illinois corporation with its principal business address at 346 N. Justine, Suite 600, Chicago, Illinois 60607 ("Product Council"), and Fellowes, Inc., an Illinois corporation having offices at 1789 Norwood Avenue, Itasca, Illinois 60143-1095 ("Fellowes").

WHEREAS, pursuant to an understanding between the parties, PRODUCT COUNCIL has agreed to assign to FELLOWES any and all right, title, and interest in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/870,983, entitled MULTIPLE PERIPHERAL CONNECTION DEVICE FOR CONNECTING MULTIPLE PERIPHERAL DEVICES TO A HOST DEVICE, and any invention claimed therein; and

WHEREAS, FELLOWES desires to receive all right, title, and interest in and to the aforementioned patent application, in all countries throughout the world.

NOW THEREFORE, be it known that, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, PRODUCT COUNCIL hereby sells, assigns, transfers, and sets over to FELLOWES, its lawful successors and assigns, PRODUCT COUNCIL's entire right, title, and interest in and to the above U.S. Patent Application No.09/870,983, the invention claimed therein, any other patent application directed to the invention, and all Letters Patent of the United States that may be granted thereon, and all reissues, reexaminations, and extensions thereof; and all rights to claim priority on the basis of such application, and all applications for Letters Patent that may be filed for the invention in any foreign country and all Letters Patent that may be granted on the invention in any foreign country, and all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof; and PRODUCT COUNCIL hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and any official of any foreign country whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as described above, to issue all Letters Patent for this invention to FELLOWES, its successors and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment;

AND, PRODUCT COUNCIL HEREBY further covenants that PRODUCT COUNCIL has the full right to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment, PRODUCT COUNCIL will take all action and execute all documents necessary to perfect the interest assigned hereby, and PRODUCT COUNCIL has not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict with this Assignment;

AND, PRODUCT COUNCIL HEREBY further covenants and agrees that PRODUCT COUNCIL, through its officers and employees, will, without further consideration, communicate with FELLOWES, its successors and assigns, any facts known to PRODUCT COUNCIL and its officers and employees respecting the invention and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers when called upon to do so, execute and deliver all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to the invention in said FELLOWES, its successors and assigns, execute all divisional, continuation, and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid FELLOWES, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for the invention in the United States and any foreign

country, it being understood that any expense incident to the execution of such papers shall be borne by FELLOWES, its successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, each party has caused its authorized representative to execute this Assignment.

PRODUCT COUNCIL, LTD.

By: 

Name: ROBERT W. SHELDON

Title: PRINCIPAL

Date: SEPT 25, 2001

FELLOWES, INC.

By: 

Name: JAMES V. BAKER

Title: VICE PRES. OF OPERATIONS

Date: OCT. 1, 2001