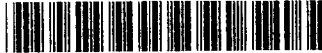


12-11-2001

FORM PTO-1595
(Rev.6-93)



J.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO: 00-EDP-323 ^R

101912576

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):
10/19/01
Michael Jerome Whipple
Edward Ethber Lias

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes X-No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):
Name: EATON CORPORATION
Internal Address:
Street Address: EATON CENTER
1111 SUPERIOR AVENUE
City: CLEVELAND State: OHIO Zip: 44114
Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes X-No

JCS36 U.S. PTO
10/000189
10/19/01

3. Nature of conveyance:
 - Assignment Merger
Security Agreement Change of Name
Other _____

Execution Date:
October 8, 2001

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: 10/8/01

A. Patent Application No.(s): B. Patent No.(s)
10/000189
Additional numbers attached? Yes x-No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:
Name: EATON CORPORATION
Internal address: PATENT LAW DEPARTMENT
Street Address: EATON CENTER
1111 SUPERIOR AVENUE
City: CLEVELAND State: OHIO Zip: 44114

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ 40.00
Enclosed
 - Authorized to be charged to deposit account

8. Deposit account number:
05-0275
(Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)

12/10/2001 00000001 050275 10000189
01 FC-581 40.00 CN

DO NOT USE THIS SPACE

9. Statement and signature.
To the best of my knowledge and belief, the forgoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Richard V. Westerhoff *Richard V. Westerhoff* October 18, 2001
Registration No. 24,454 Signature Date
Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and documents: 3

Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet information to:
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Box Assignment
Washington, DC 20231

PATENT
REEL: 012347 FRAME: 0246

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE **MICHAEL JEROME WHIPPLE**, of 709 Big Knob Road, Rochester, in the County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 15074; and **EDWARD ETHBER LIAS**, of 203 Maplehurst Drive, Aliquippa, in the County of Beaver, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania 15001; respectively, have invented certain improvements in: **FINGER BARRIER FOR ELECTRIC POWER SWITCHES AND ELECTRIC POWER SWITCH INCORPORATING THE SAME** for which we are about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, **EATON CORPORATION**, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio, having its principal place of business at Eaton Center, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of continued employment and/or other undertakings and/or other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, **MICHAEL JEROME WHIPPLE** and **EDWARD ETHBER LIAS** by these presents do sell, assign, and transfer unto said **EATON CORPORATION**, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right in the United States of America and all foreign countries to the said invention as described in the specification executed by us on the 8th day of OCTOBER, 2001; and the 8th day of OCTOBER, 2001; respectively, (and we hereby authorize our attorneys, authorized to prosecute said application, to here insert the filing date and Serial No. of the said application, as soon as it is known, Serial No. _____, Filed _____, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor); said invention, all applications for Letters Patent and all Letters Patent therefor, to be held and enjoyed by the said **EATON CORPORATION**, for its own use and behoof and for its legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this Assignment and sale not been made; and we hereby covenant and agree to execute all instruments or documents required or requested for the making and prosecution of applications for Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or, for litigation regarding, or for the purpose of protecting title to the said invention or Letters Patent therefor for the benefit of our assignee without further or other compensation than that above set forth; and

we hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to **EATON CORPORATION**, as assignee thereof.

Michael Jerome Whipple
MICHAEL JEROME WHIPPLE

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY)

On this 8 day of October, 2001 before me personally appeared **MICHAEL JEROME WHIPPLE** to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

Judith L. Maholtz
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: May 24, 2003

(SEAL)

Notarial Seal
Judith L. Maholtz, Notary Public
Findlay Twp., Allegheny County
My Commission Expires May 24, 2003
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

Edward Ethber Lias
EDWARD ETHBER LIAS

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA)
) SS: ~~10-10-2003~~
COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY)

On this 8 day of October, 2001 before me personally appeared **EDWARD ETHBER LIAS** to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

Judith L. Maholtz
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: May 24, 2003

(SEAL)

Notarial Seal
Judith L. Maholtz, Notary Public
Findlay Twp., Allegheny County
My Commission Expires May 24, 2003
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries