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nal documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies): (If multiple assignors, list numerically)

William C. Russell

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached?

( ) Yes (X) No

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

Name: Master-Halco, Inc.

Internal Address:

Street Address: 110 E. La Habra Boulevard

City: La Habra State: California ZIP: 90631

Additional name(s) of receiving party(ies) attached?

( ) Yes (X) No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- ( ) Assignment
- (x) Merger
- ( ) Security Agreement
- ( ) Change of Name
- (x) Other:
  1. Certificate Under 37 CFR 3.73(b)
  2. Declaration of William G. Ullrich
  3. (copy of) Establishment of Right of Assignee to Take Action and Revocation and Power of Attorney

4. Application number(s) or Patent number(s):

( ) Application(s) filed herewith Execution Date(s):

( ) Patent Application No.:  
Filing Date:

(X) Patent No.: 5,547,169  
Issue Date: August 20, 1996

Additional numbers attached? ( ) Yes (X) No

Execution Date: (If multiple assignors, list execution dates in numerical order corresponding to numbers indicated in 1 above) November 27, 2001

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

Name: Gordon H. Olson  
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Attorney's Docket No.: MASTE.073A

7. Total fee (37 CFR 1.21(h)): \$40.00

(X) Enclosed  
(X) Authorized to be charged to deposit account if any additional fees are required, or to credit any overpayment

8. Deposit account number: 11-410

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: one

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.

Gordon H. Olson  
Name of Person Signing

*Gordon H. Olson*  
Signature

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Date

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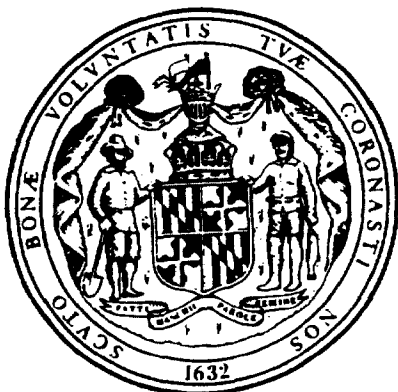
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DATE: JUNE 11, 1997

THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE ARTICLES OF MERGER FOR  
MASTER-HALCO, INC. (SURVIVOR) (CA) AND ANCHOR FENCE, INC. (MERGING  
OUT) (MD)  
WERE RECEIVED AND APPROVED FOR RECORD ON JUNE 11, 1997 AT 10:13 AM.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : William C. Russell )  
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 Patent No. : 5,547,169 )  
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 Issued : August 20, 1996 )  
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 For : FENCE ASSEMBLY WITH )  
 SWIVEL BRACKET )  
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 Examiner : B. Lev )  
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DECLARATION OF WILLIAM G. ULLRICH

I, William G. Ullrich, based upon my personal knowledge or information and belief, declare and state as follows:

1. I am currently employed by Master-Halco, Inc. and have been employed by Master-Halco since 1997.

2. I was previously employed by Anchor Fence, Inc. where I was the President, having been employed by Anchor Fence for over ten (10) years.

3. On or about June 11, 1997, Anchor Fence, Inc. was merged into Master-Halco, Inc. The parent and surviving corporation is Master-Halco, Inc., with offices located at 110 E. La Habra Boulevard, La Habra, California 90631. The merged corporation was Anchor Fence, Inc., with its offices located at 6500 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21224.

4. While I was employed by Anchor Fence, Inc., Anchor Fence Inc. was commonly referred to and known as The Anchor Group. Although The Anchor Group was not the legal name of Anchor Fence, Inc., I am personally aware that The Anchor Group name was often used to indicate and refer to Anchor Fence, Inc.

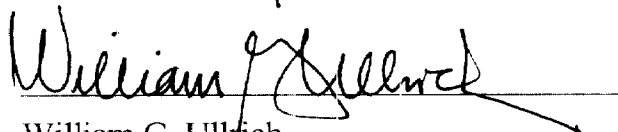
5. The invention set forth in U.S. Patent No. 5,547,169 was invented by William C. Russell, while he was an employee of Anchor Fence, Inc. As an employee of Anchor Fence, Inc., Mr. Russell had an obligation to assign this invention to Anchor Fence, Inc. An assignment of the

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**Issued** : August 20, 1996

patent application was executed and recorded; however, the assignment identified The Anchor Group as the assignee and owner of the patent application. The assignment of the patent application should have listed Anchor Fence, Inc. as the owner.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on NOVEMBER 27, 2001 at ANNAPOLIS, MD.



William G. Ullrich  
Master-Halco, Inc.

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ARTICLES OF MERGER

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MERGING

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ANCHOR FENCE, INC.  
(a Corporation of the State of Maryland)

INTO

MASTER-HALCO, INC.  
(a Corporation of the State of California)

FIRST: Master-Halco, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, (hereinafter referred to as "parent corporation"), and Anchor Fence, Inc., a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Maryland, agree that Anchor Fence, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "subsidiary corporation") shall be merged into said Master-Halco, Inc. The terms and conditions of the merger and the mode of carrying the same into effect are as herein set forth in these articles of merger.

SECOND: Master-Halco, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, shall survive the merger and shall continue under the name Master-Halco, Inc.

THIRD: The parties to the articles of merger are Master-Halco, Inc., a corporation organized on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1973, under the General Corporation Law of the State of California, and became requalified to do business in the State of Maryland on March 3, 1997, and Anchor Fence, Inc., a corporation existing under the laws of the State of Maryland.

FOURTH: No amendment is made to the charter of the surviving parent corporation as part of the merger.

FIFTH: The total number of shares of stock of all classes which said parent corporation, Master-Halco, Inc., has authority to issue is Ten Thousand Shares (10,000) of a single class of common stock of no par value.

The total number of shares of stock of all classes which said subsidiary corporation, Anchor Fence, Inc., has the authority to issue is Forty Thousand Four Hundred Sixty (40,460), divided into Four Hundred (400) shares of Class A Common stock of the par value of \$0.01

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that this is a true and complete copy of the  
 original as filed in this office. DATED: 6-11-97

STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION

*Pamela L. [Signature]* Custodian

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Dollars each, of the aggregate par value of Four Dollars (\$4.00) and Forty Thousand Sixty (40,060) of Class B Common stock of the par value of \$0.01 Dollars each, of the aggregate par value of Four Hundred Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$400.60). The combined total aggregate par value of all classes of stock which said subsidiary corporation, Anchor Fence, Inc., has the authority to issue is Four Hundred Four Dollars and Sixty Cents.

SIXTH: The number of outstanding shares of each class of said subsidiary corporation, Anchor Fence, Inc., and the number of shares of each class owned by the parent corporation, Master-Halco, Inc., is as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Total Shares Outstanding</u>	<u>Shares Owned by Parent Corporation</u>
A Common	380	380
B Common	39,623	39,623

SEVENTH: The manner and basis of converting or exchanging issued stock of the merged corporation into different stock or other consideration and the manner of dealing with the any issued stock of the merged corporation not to be so converted or exchanged is as follows:

All the issued and outstanding shares of the subsidiary corporation, Anchor Fence, Inc., are owned by the parent and surviving corporation, Master-Halco, Inc. and no shares of the parent and surviving corporation, Master-Halco, Inc. are to be issued nor any other consideration to be given for shares of the said subsidiary and merged corporation, Anchor Fence, Inc., but upon the effective date of the articles of merger, the shares of stock of the said subsidiary corporation and merged corporation, Anchor Fence, Inc., shall be surrendered for cancellation to the parent and surviving corporation, Master-Halco, Inc.

EIGHTH: The principal office of said subsidiary and merged corporation, Anchor Fence, Inc., is located in Baltimore City, Maryland at 6500 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21224.

Said subsidiary and merged corporation, Anchor Fence, Inc., owns no interest in land.

NINTH: The location of the principal office of the parent surviving corporation in the State of California, the state of its incorporation is P.O. Box 365, La Habra, California 90633, and the name and post office address of a

resident agent of said parent surviving corporation in Maryland is The Corporation Trust Incorporated, 32 South Street, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Said parent and surviving corporation owns no interest in land.

TENTH: The merger was duly approved by resolution adopted by unanimous consent of the entire board of directors of Anchor Fence, Inc. on March 1, 1997.

The merger was duly approved by resolution adopted by unanimous consent of the entire board of directors of Master-Halco, Inc. on March 1, 1997.

ELEVENTH: The merger to effected by these articles of merger was duly advised and authorized by said parent corporation, Master-Halco, Inc., in the manner and by the vote required by the laws of the State of California and by the charter of said parent corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Master-Halco, Inc. and Anchor Fence, Inc., the corporations parties to the merger, have caused these articles of merger to be signed in their respective corporate names and on behalf by their respective presidents and vice-presidents and witnessed or attested by their respective secretaries or assistant secretaries as of May 14, 1997.

Master-Halco, Inc.

by: Barry Harris  
Barry Harris, President

Attest:

by: Edward C. Stieg  
Edward C. Stieg,  
Assistant Secretary

Anchor Fence Inc.

by: Katsuo Sakasai  
Katsuo Sakasai,  
Vice President

Attest:

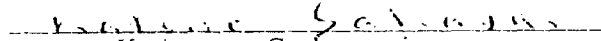
by: Edward C. Stieg  
Edward C. Stieg,  
Assistant Secretary

AKNOWLEDGEMENTS

THE UNDERSIGNED, President of Master-Halco, Inc. who executed on behalf of said corporation the foregoing articles of merger, of which this certificate is part, hereby acknowledges, in the name and on behalf of said corporation and further certifies that, under penalty of perjury, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the matters and facts set forth therein are true in all material respects.

  
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Barry Marris

THE UNDERSIGNED, Vice President of Anchor Fence, Inc. who executed on behalf of said corporation the foregoing articles of merger, of which this certificate is part, hereby acknowledges, in the name and on behalf of said corporation and further certifies that, under penalty of perjury, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the matters and facts set forth therein are true in all material respects.

  
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Katsuo Sakasai



