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Gary L. Rickle
Michael E. Yost

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Name: **Kuss Corporation**

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: **2150 Industrial Drive**

City: **Findlay** State: **OH** ZIP: **45840**

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09/962,037

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Gary L. Rickle citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Ohio, whose post office address is, 6912 C.R. 87, Wharton, Ohio 43359 and Michael E. Yost, citizen of the United States of America, and resident of Ohio, whose post office address is 3206 S. C.R. 7, Tiffin, Ohio 44883; have invented certain new and useful improvements in a "FUEL FILTER ASSEMBLY HAVING A CONDUCTIVE SPRING" for which application for Letters Patent of the United States was filed September 25, 2001 and was assigned Serial No. 09/962,037; and

WHEREAS, KUSS CORPORATION, a corporation of the State of Ohio, having its principal place of business at 2150 Industrial Drive, Findlay, Ohio 45840, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in and to said invention and any Letters Patent to issue therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration to us in hand paid by KUSS CORPORATION, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto KUSS CORPORATION, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said application and invention in the United States and all countries foreign thereto, including the right of priority under the International Convention of 1883 and later modifications thereof, and to any Letters Patent to issue therefor, and we hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America to issue to the said KUSS

CORPORATION any Letters Patent thereon, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment, and

We hereby agree to execute all instruments and documents which may be necessary for the carrying out of this Assignment in full; and to execute any divisional application or applications which may be necessary or proper to obtain full protection on the invention hereby assigned; and to execute any and all supplemental oaths and preliminary statements should the same be proper and necessary in the prosecution of the aforesaid application or divisional applications thereof, or for securing foreign patents covering said invention in the name of KUSS CORPORATION, or any other corporation designated by it, and also any documents required by it, its successors or assigns, more fully to vest in it or them the title to said invention or to any application or patent that may be filed therefor or secured thereon.

Gary L. Rickle
Gary L. Rickle

STATE OF OHIO)
) ss:
COUNTY OF HANCOCK)

On this 21st day of September, 2001 before me appeared Gary L. Rickle, to me personally known, and acknowledged the signing of the above instrument to be his free act and deed.

Julie Graber
NOTARY PUBLIC
**JULIE ANNE GRABER, NOTARY PUBLIC
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF OHIO
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Michael E. Yost
Michael E. Yost

STATE OF OHIO)

) ss:

COUNTY OF HANCOCK)

On this 21st day of September, 2001 before me appeared Michael E. Yost, to me personally known, and acknowledged the signing of the above instrument to be his free act and deed.

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