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# ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Christopher M. De Cleene of Searcy, Arkansas and Mark A. Romo of Plymouth, Wisconsin have made certain inventions which are described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled SOUND DAMPENED SINK, executed on even date herewith, and

WHEREAS, Kohler Co. (hereinafter referred to as said Company), a Wisconsin corporation having a place of business at 444 Highland Drive, Kohler WI 53044 is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in said inventions throughout the United States of America and the territories thereof, for all other countries and under all international agreements,

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) to each of us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Company, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the United States of America and the territories thereof, for all foreign countries and under all international agreements in and to said inventions, the aforesaid application, all other applications hereafter filed in the United States, in any other country, or under any international agreement based in whole or in part on said inventions, and all Letters Patents granted upon said applications by the United States, by any other country or under any international agreement, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said Company. We further grant to said Company, its successors and assigns, the right to claim for any of said applications the full benefits and priority rights of any international agreement between the United States and any foreign country or countries or between any other countries.

We hereby warrant that we have the full right to make the conveyance herein, and we hereby covenant that we, and our heirs, legal representatives and assigns, will when requested, communicate to said Company, its representatives, successors and assigns, all facts known respecting said inventions, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue, reexamination and foreign or international applications, together with individual assignments therefor, make all rightful oaths, sign all lawful papers, testify in any legal proceeding and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors and assigns, in the obtaining of Letters Patent.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals at the location(s) and on the date(s) indicated with our respective signatures.

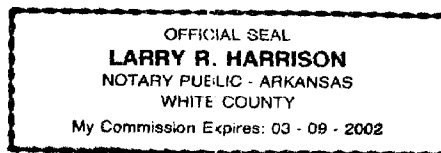
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Christopher M. De Cleene (SEAL)  
Christopher M. De Cleene

WITNESSES:

Larry R. Harrison

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Before me on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2002, came Christopher M. De Cleene, to me known to be the person named in the foregoing assignment, and he acknowledges his execution thereof to be his free act and deed.

Larry R. Harrison  
Notary Public,  
State of ~~Wisconsin~~ Arkansas  
My Commission: 3/9/2002

Date 01/28, 2002

Mark A. Romo (SEAL)  
Mark A. Romo

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Before me on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2002, came Mark A. Romo, to me known to be the person named in the foregoing assignment, and he acknowledges his execution thereof to be his free act and deed.

Jennifer D. Wenzel  
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