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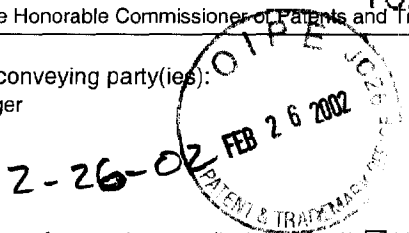
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Name: Black & Decker Inc.

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: Drummond Plaza Office Park

1423 Kirkwood Highway

City: Newark State: DE Zip: 19711

Additional Name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

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For valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by me/us, the undersigned, hereinafter referred to collectively as Assignor, does hereby sell and assign to BLACK & DECKER INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, U.S.A., having its principal place of business at Drummond Plaza Office Park, 1423 Kirkwood Highway, Newark, Delaware 19711, U.S.A., its successors, assigns, nominees, or other legal representatives, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the IMPROVEMENTS IN:

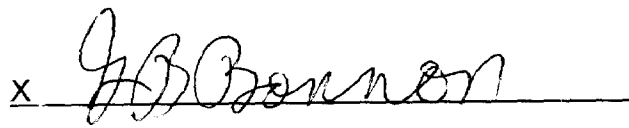
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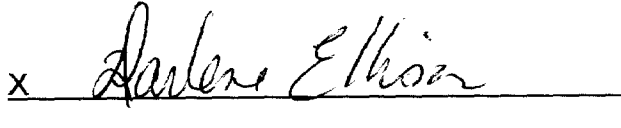
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John Curtsinger

Date: 2/7/02

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