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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

David Brown (deceased) legal representative - Janet Brown
Richard E. Eastman
Sankar K. Mohan
Nancy Mintonye



2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: New Venture Gear, Inc.

Internal Address: _____

Additional name of conveying party(ies) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- ☒ Assignment ☐ Merger
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A. Patent Application No.(s)

09/970,439

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Date

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Atty. Docket No. 6978-000182/CPB

WHEREAS, the undersigned, hereinafter referred to collectively as Assignor, has invented:

SYNCHRONIZED TWO-SPEED TRANSFER CASE WITH LOCKABLE LIMITED SLIP DIFFERENTIAL

for which Assignor is about to make or has made United States or International application for patent

- (a) ☐ executed on even date preparatory to filing (each inventor should sign this Assignment on the same day as he/she signs the Declaration and Power of Attorney);
- (b) ☐ executed on _____, _____, _____; or
- (c) ☒ filed on 10/03/01, and assigned Serial No. 09/970,439 or PCT International Application No. _____, and

WHEREAS, New Venture Gear, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignor by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee and its successors in interest, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in the United States of America and all foreign countries, including the right to claim priority under the laws of the United States, the Paris Convention, and any foreign countries, to the said invention as described in the aforesaid application, said application for patent and all Letters Patent therefor to be held and enjoyed by Assignee to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted and any extensions thereof as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made;

Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to execute all instruments or documents required or requested for the making and prosecution of any applications of any type for patent in the United States and in all foreign countries including, but not limited to, any provisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, renewal or substitute thereof, and as to letter patent any reissue, re-examination, or extension thereof, and for litigation regarding, or for the purpose of protecting title and to the said invention, the United States application for patent, or Letters Patent therefor, for the benefit of Assignee without further or other compensation than that above set forth;

Assignor hereby covenants that no assignment, sale or agreement or encumbrance has been or will be entered into which would conflict with this Assignment; and

Assignor hereby requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States of America to Assignee, and requests that any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue or grant patents and applications as aforesaid, to issue said Letters Patent, Utility Model Registration or Inventor's Certificate to Assignee.

ASSIGNMENT

Richard E. Eastman
(Second joint inventor)
Richard E. Eastman

Sankar K. Mohan
(Third inventor)
Sankar K. Mohan

Nancy Mintonye
(Fourth inventor, if any)
Nancy Mintonye

State of Michigan)
County of Oakland) ss.

On this 3rd day of December, 2001, before me personally appeared the foregoing individuals, who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free will for the purpose therein set forth.

Laura Goyer
Notary Public,

(seal)

Oakland County, State of Michigan

My Commission Expires: July 5, 2003

LAURA GOYER
NOTARY PUBLIC OAKLAND CO., MI
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In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00),
 the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

ASSIGNOR:

By administrator(trix), executor(trix)
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Janet Brown
*(type or print name(s) or administrator(trix),
 executor(trix) or legal representative(s))*

David Brown

Inventor or person on whose behalf above person(s) are signing

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ASSIGNEE: New Venture Gear, Inc.
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X and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority, in and to any and all
improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:
Synchronized Two-Speed Transfer Case With Lockable Limited Slip Differential
Name of inventor(s) David Brown (deceased), Richard E. Eastman, Sankar K. Mohan and Nancy
Mintonye

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and which is found in (37 C.F.R. § 3.21)

- (a) _____ U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith
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(c) _____ U.S. provisional application naming the above inventor(s) for the above-
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DEATH		Entry Number 136
Registration District Sub-district		Administrative area County of Suffolk
Bury St. Edmunds Bury St. Edmunds		
1. Date and place of death Sixth June 1999 Acorn Cottage, Common Road, Hopton		
2. Name and surname David BROWN		3. Sex Male
		4. Maiden surname of woman who has married
5. Date and place of birth 19th July 1946 Sheffield		
6. Occupation and usual address Consultant Engineer Acorn Cottage, Common Road, Hopton, Diss, Norfolk		
7. (a) Name and surname of informant Janet Eileen BROWN		(b) Qualification Widow of deceased Present at the death
(c) Usual address Acorn Cottage, Common Road, Hopton, Diss, Norfolk		
8. Cause of death I(a) Carcinoma of the oesophagus Certified by Matthew Lockyer, MBBS		
9. I certify that the particulars given by me above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. J E Brown Signature of informant		
10. Date of registration Eighth June 1999		11. Signature of registrar J M Donlevy Registrar

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J M Donlevy

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*Registrar 8th June 1999

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