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ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT Joint Inventors

WHEREAS, Ronald J. Wiese, County of McHenry, State of Illinois, and Craig A. Elliott, County of DeKalb, State of Illinois hereinafter called the "Assignors", has invented certain new and useful improvements in a CONVEYOR BELT SYSTEM for a full description of which reference is here made to an application for Letters Patent of the United States and identified as attorney's Case No. 6236-Wiese et al., executed of even date herewith; and

WHEREAS, AMSTED Industries Incorporated, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having an office and place of business at 44th Floor, 205 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601, hereinafter called the "Assignee", is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, the application above identified, and in, to and under Letters Patent which may be obtained for said invention, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

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 valuable and legally sufficient considerations, the receipt of which by the said Assignors from the said Assignee is hereby acknowledged, the said Assignors have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said Assignee, and its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and application herein identified, and any Letters Patent of the United States that may issue for said invention, together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and application for Letters Patent and Letters Patent therefor in all countries foreign to the United States; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the said Assignee, its

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successors, assigns and legal representatives, to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all of said Letters Patent for said invention may issued.

And the said Assignors do hereby covenant and agree, for themselves and their legal representatives, that they will assist their said Assignee in the prosecution of the application herein identified; in the making and prosecution of any other application for Letters Patent that the said Assignee may elect to make covering the invention herein identified, as hereinbefore set forth; in vesting in the said Assignee like exclusive title in and to all such other applications and Letters Patent; and in the prosecution of any interference which may arise involving said invention, or any application or Letters Patent herein contemplated; and that they will execute and deliver to the said Assignee any and all additional papers which may be requested by the said Assignee to fully carry out the terms of this Assignment.

And the said Assignors do hereby covenant with said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any adverse assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other encumbrance, and that they have the full right to convey to the same in manner and form as herein expressed.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Assignor has hereunto set his hand on this 4 day of February 2002. Olle, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Ronald J. Wiese personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal this

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Assignor has hereunto set his hand on this 4th day of FORUARY 2002. , a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that Craig A. Elliott personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth. OFFICIAL SEAL

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