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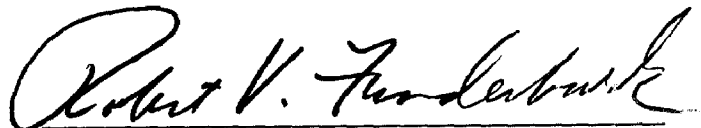
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AND I HEREBY AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States for said invention, resulting from any of the aforesaid applications to said CONBRACO INDUSTRIES, INC., as sole ASSIGNEE.

WITNESS MY hand and seal this 12 day of MARCH,

2002.



Robert V. Funderburk

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I, Angela Kilroy, a Notary Public for said County and State do hereby certify that Robert V. Funderburk appeared before me personally and signed the aforementioned Assignment.

This the 12 day of March, 2002.

Angela Kilroy
Notary Public

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