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Case No.: 01-1007-A  
Inventors: Brian J. Malone, Todd M. Nykerk, Timothy J. Kelly  
Date of Execution of Application: May 10, 2002 and April 11, 2002

Serial No.: 10/096,267

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In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assign to:

**Meridian Automotive Systems, Inc.**

its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, entitled:

**VEHICULAR LAMP ASSEMBLY WITH A SIMPLIFIED STRUCTURE AND CHMSL AND TAIL LAMP  
INCORPORATING THE SAME**

and identified as:

**Case No. 01-1007-A**

in the offices of MCDONNELL BOEHNEN HULBERT & BERGHOFF and in said application and any and all other applications, both United States and foreign (including but not limited to all countries on the list below\*), which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries (including but not limited to all countries on the list below\*), which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension of such patents, and further assigns to said assignee the priority right provided by the International Convention.

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The undersigned hereby authorize and request the attorneys of record in said application to insert in this assignment the filing date and serial number of said application when officially known, and the date of execution of the application.


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For said considerations the undersigned hereby agree, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional, continuation and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath, affidavit or declaration relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application and any and all applications and other documents for Letters Patent in foreign countries (including but not limited to all countries on the list below\*) on said invention or improvements, that said assignee, its successors or assigns may deem necessary or expedient, and for the said considerations the undersigned authorize said assignee to apply for patents for said invention or improvements in its own name in such countries where such procedure is proper and further agree, upon the request of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said assignee, its successors and assigns, in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents, including the preparation and execution of preliminary statements, giving and producing evidence, and performing any and all other acts necessary to obtain, maintain and enforce said Letters Patent, both United States and foreign, and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in the assignee, its successors and assigns, whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by the said assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said

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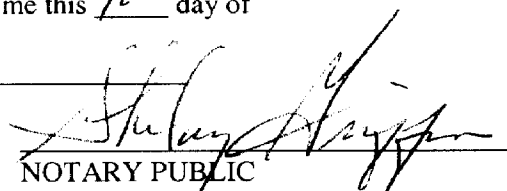
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WITNESS my hand and seal this 10 day of May, 2002.

  
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Brian J. Malone

Kingdom of Michigan  
County of Kent

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 10th day of May, 2002 by Brian J. Malone. \_\_\_\_\_

  
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