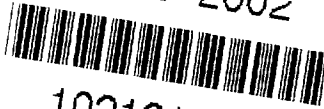


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WHEREAS, Hartness International, Inc., a South Carolina corporation, having a place of business at 1200 Garlington Road, Greenville, South Carolina 29615 is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW THEREFORE, In consideration of the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00), to me in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, I, the aforesaid have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Hartness International, Inc. its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions, and in all foreign countries, and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States and its territorial possessions, and in any and all foreign countries to be obtained therefor on said invention or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue, or reexamination thereof for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

I hereby authorize and request the Patent Office to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to Hartness International, Inc. as the assignee of my entire right, title and interest in and to the same.

Further, I will communicate to Hartness International, Inc. any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid said Hartness International, Inc. its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States, and in any and all foreign countries.

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