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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, J. VINCENT CORDOVA, with a Post Office address of 421 Broadway, Pueblo, CO 81004, U.S.A., am the sole inventor of CARBON-TITANIUM STEEL RAIL for which I, the inventor, am about to make application for Letters Patent in the United States, which application was executed by me on the 20th day of August, 2002 and

WHEREAS, CF&I STEEL, LP dba ROCKY MOUNTAIN STEEL MILLS, a Delaware Limited Partnership, having a place of business at 1612 E. Abriendo Avenue, Pueblo, CO 81004, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

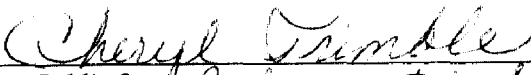
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, J. VINCENT CORDOVA, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer to CF&I STEEL, LP the full and exclusive right, title and interest for the territory of the United States of America, and for all foreign countries, in and to the invention described in the specification executed by me concurrently herewith preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; said invention, application and Letters Patent in this or any foreign country, and all divisions, continuations, reissues and extensions thereof, to be held and enjoyed by the said CF&I STEEL, LP, for its own use and behalf, and for its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which Letters Patent may be granted in this or any foreign country, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me had this assignment and sale not been made, and covenant that I have full right so to do, and agree that I will communicate to CF&I STEEL, LP, or its successors and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid CF&I STEEL, LP, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in this or any foreign country.



J. VINCENT CORDOVA

STATE OF Colorado)
County of Pueblo) SS

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 20th day of August, 2002, by the above-named inventor, who executed the foregoing instrument in my presence, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes set forth herein.



Notary Public for: Rocky Mountain Steel Mills
My Commission Expires: July 31, 2007