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**ASSIGNMENT**  
**(Joint Inventors)**

WHEREAS, We, **James T. Ligon, Sr.; Stephen T. Porter; and James T. Ligon, Jr.**, (hereinafter referred to as Assignors), residing respectively at **800 South Main Street, P.O. Box 429, Almont, Michigan 48003; 7807 Linden Drive, Almont, Michigan 48003; and 5300 Van Dyke, P.O. Box 482, Almont, Michigan 48003** have invented new and useful improvements in:

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR VARYING COEFFICIENTS OF FRICTION IN A VARIABLE APEX BACK SUPPORT**

which is set forth in the application in the United States filed on March 29, 2002 as United States Application Serial No. 10/113,429, attorney docket number 41575/32429.

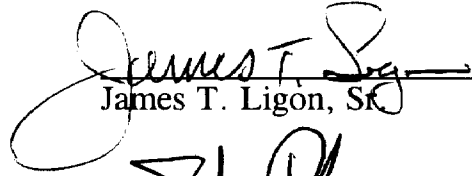
AND WHEREAS, **Schukra USA, Inc.**, a Delaware corporation (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), of **1 Leggett Road, Carthage, Missouri 61836**, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern, that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have assigned, sold and set over, and by these presents assign, sell and set over unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, for the territory of the United States of America and all foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application for Letters Patent, including the right to file foreign patent applications corresponding to said application, and the right to claim the priority date of said United States patent application and any legal equivalents thereof, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and to any and all divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said application, or re-issues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents prepared and executed by Assignors on even date herewith, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the Assignors had this Assignment and sale not been made.

AND the Assignors hereby covenant and agree that the Assignors will at any time upon the request and at the expense of the Assignee execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention and to obtain Letters Patent therefor, and the Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the said Assignee in accordance with this Agreement.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

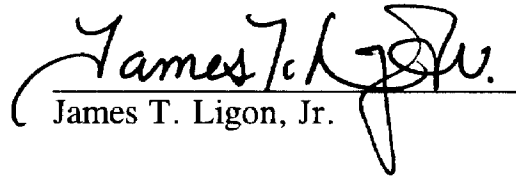
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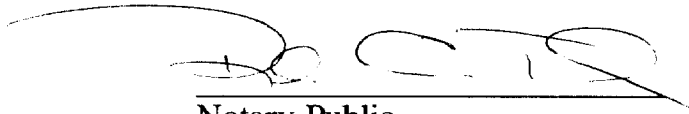
  
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Dated: August 08, 2002

  
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Before me personally appeared said **James T. Ligon, Sr., Stephen T. Porter, and James T. Ligon, Jr.**, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his own free act and deed, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.



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