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WHEREAS, The Laitram Corporation, a corporation of the State of Louisiana, having a place of business at 220 Laitram Lane, Harahan, Louisiana 70123, warrants that it is an owner of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the patent applications indicated below and the inventions described in the patent applications;

WHEREAS, Hartness International, a corporation having its principal place of business at 1200 Garlington Road, Greenville, South Carolina 29616, is desirous of acquiring The Laitram Corporation's entire right, title, and interest in and to the patent applications identified below and the inventions described in the patent applications;

NOW THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern that for and in consideration of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, The Laitram Corporation does hereby assign, sell, and transfer unto Hartness International, for the territory of the United States of America and the entire world, its entire right, title, and interest in and to the following patent applications, including all priority rights for patent applications foreign to the United States of America, and the right to collect damages, lost profits, and/or attorney's fees for any and all past infringements of the patent applications:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
US 09/803,564	APPARATUS FOR DIVERTING A STREAM OF ARTICLES	Mar. 9, 2001
PCT/US02/07473	APPARATUS FOR DIVERTING A STREAM OF ARTICLES	Mar. 8, 2002

The Laitram Corporation does hereby covenant and agree that it will, at any time and upon the request of Hartness International, execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to the patent applications.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, this assignment is executed on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2002.

The Laitram Corporation

By: Barry L. LaCour  
Barry L. LaCour

Title: Secretary

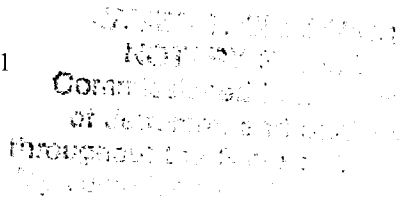
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This instrument was acknowledged before me on August 28, 2002, by Barry L. LaCour, whose title is Secretary of The Laitram Corporation, a corporation of the State of Louisiana, on behalf of said corporation.

James J. Brennan  
Notary Public, State of Louisiana

My commission expires: at death



## ASSIGNMENT

Whereas we, Paul L. Horton, David W. Bogle, John C. Hawkins, Jr., and Joseph M. Depaso, of 5800 Cleveland Place, Metairie, LA 70003, 207 Dunleith Drive, Destrehan, LA 70047, 222 Walnut Street, Mandeville, LA 70471, and 840 Lamar Avenue, Gretna, LA 70056,

have made a certain new and useful invention relating to

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for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, which application is identified in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as Serial No. 09/803,564, filing date March 9, 2001; and

Whereas THE LAITRAM CORPORATION

of 220 Laitram Lane, Harahan, Louisiana 70123, U.S.A.,

the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention, the patent application, and the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor:

Now, therefore, for and in consideration of One Dollar, and other good and valuable considerations, paid to us, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, we have sold, assigned, and set over and by these presents do sell, assign, and set over to the Assignee and the Assignee's legal representatives, successors, and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention, the patent application, the Letters Patent that may or shall issue from the patent application, and any and all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reexaminations, reissues, or extensions of the patent application or Letters Patent; and we authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the Letters Patent to the Assignee in agreement with the terms of this assignment.

We authorize the Assignee and its agents to insert or to have inserted in this instrument the execution date and/or the filing date and serial number of our patent application.

We convey to the Assignee the right to make application in its own behalf for protection of the invention in countries foreign to the United States and to claim under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (the Paris Convention), the Patent Cooperation Treaty, and any other international arrangements for any such patent application, the date of the United States application (or other patent applications, if there be any) in priority to other patent applications; and we covenant and agree with the Assignee that we will not execute any writing or do any act conflicting with this assignment, and that we will at any time, upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the Assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as the Assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the Assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and will give all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, renewal, reissued, reexamined or extended Letters of Patent of the United States and of any and all foreign

countries for the invention, in enforcing any rights or choses in action accruing as a result of such patent applications or patents, for example, by executing preliminary statements and other affidavits and declarations, it being understood that this agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of, the assigns and legal representatives of both parties.

In witness whereof, we have signed and sealed this assignment on May 7, 2001

Paul L. Horton  
David W. Bogle  
John C. Hawkins, Jr.  
Joseph M. Depaso

State of Louisiana

Parish of Jefferson

On this 7th day of May, 2001, before me, a notary public, appeared Paul L. Horton, David W. Bogle, John C. Hawkins, Jr., and Joseph M. Depaso, who are personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they signed, sealed, and delivered the instrument as their free and voluntary act.

James J. Cronovich  
Notary Public

My commission expires at death.

**JAMES T. CROWVICH  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Commissioned in the Parish  
of Jefferson and qualified  
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Serial No.: 09/803,564

Filing Date: MARCH 9, 2001

Attorney Ref.: HII-98

Date of Deposit September 30, 2002

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