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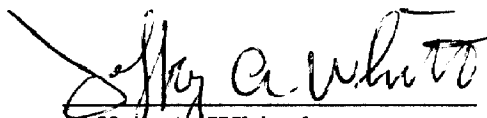
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1.	Name of conveying party(ies): Jeffrey A. Whited <i>11-7-02</i>	2.	Name and address of receiving party(ies): Bettcher Industries, Inc. Route 60 & Ohio Turnpike Birmingham, OH 44816			
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9. Statement and signature. <i>To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.</i> <table><tr><td><u>Stephen J. Schultz, Reg. No. 29,108</u> Name of Person Signing</td><td><i>Stephen Schultz</i> Signature</td><td><u>November 7, 2002</u> Date</td></tr></table> Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: <u>2</u> Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet information to: Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks BOX ASSIGNMENTS Washington, D.C. 20231				<u>Stephen J. Schultz, Reg. No. 29,108</u> Name of Person Signing	<i>Stephen Schultz</i> Signature	<u>November 7, 2002</u> Date
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ASSIGNMENT

IN CONSIDERATION of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, Jeffrey A. Whited, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 152 Westchester Drive, Amherst, Ohio 44001, do hereby sell, transfer, set over and assign unto Bettcher Industries, Inc., a Delaware corporation with a principal place of business at Route 60 & Ohio Turnpike, Birmingham, OH 44816, its successors, assigns, nominees, or other legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention entitled ROTARY KNIFE HAVING VACUUM ATTACHMENT, invented by me and the application for United States patent therefore, executed concurrently herewith, and all original and reissued patents granted therefore, and all divisions and continuations thereof, including the subjects-matter of any and all claims which may be obtained in every such patent, and the right to apply for and obtain patents in countries foreign to the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon in such foreign countries, and authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue the said Letters Patent to the said Bettcher Industries, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, as assignee and owner of the said entire interest, and covenant that we have full right to convey said entire interest herein assigned and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith, and agree that we will communicate to said Bettcher Industries, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, all facts known to us respecting said invention, whenever requested, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute and deliver all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for the application for such divisional, continuing or reissue applications, or the procuring thereof, and that if and when said Bettcher Industries, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives desire to file a disclaimer relating thereto, we will upon request, sign and deliver all lawful papers requisite for the filing of such disclaimer, and we further covenant and agree that we will, at any time upon request, do everything legally possible to aid said Bettcher Industries, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, either in its or my own name, to apply for, obtain and enforce proper patent protection in all countries, including priority rights granted to patents in foreign countries according to all the laws and treaties in force, all without further consideration but at the expense of said Bettcher Industries, Inc., its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives.


Jeffrey A. Whited

State of Ohio)
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County of Erie)

This 14th day of November, 2002, before me personally came the above-named Jeffrey A. Whited to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein set forth.



Notary Public

**WANDA A. DALTON, NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF OHIO, HURON COUNTY
MY COMM. EXP. MARCH 26, 2007**