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Name: Empire Comfort Systems, Inc.

Street Address: 918 Freeburg Avenue

City: Belleville State: IL Zip: 62222

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Signature

November 14, 2002  
Date

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, David M. Christensen of 1559 Sinking Springs Drive, O'Fallon, Illinois, 62269, and Bernard A. Lauzon of 4654 State Hwy 15, Freeburg, Illinois, 62243, and Daniel J. Sovar of 2555 Lawnview Drive, Florissant, Missouri, 63031, and John A. Schweiss of 1327 Express Drive, Belleville, Illinois, 62223, have invented certain new and useful improvements for a *OUTDOOR COOKER AND SMOKER APPARATUS* for which we have this same day executed an application for Letters Patent in the United States identifying us as the only inventors thereof (said application being identified as Thompson Coburn LLP, Docket 53179-35792); and

WHEREAS, Empire Comfort Systems, Inc., a corporation of the State of Illinois having its principal office and place of business at 918 Freeburg Avenue, Belleville, Illinois 62222, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements as disclosed in said application, in and to said application, and in and to the patent to be obtained thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of all of which are hereby acknowledged, we, David M. Christensen, and Bernard A. Lauzon, and Daniel J. Sovar, and John A. Schweiss, have sold, assigned and transferred and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Empire Comfort Systems, Inc., its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements as the same are disclosed in said application which was executed by us concurrently herewith preparatory to filing for Letters Patent, in and to said application, and in and to any Letters Patent, including divisionals, continuations, reissues, reexaminations and extensions to be obtained therefor in the United States and all foreign countries; and we further agree to cooperate with the assignee hereunder in the obtaining and sustaining of any and all such Letters Patent as the assignee may desire to apply for, but at the expense of said assignee.

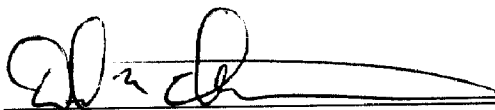
The Commissioner of Patents or other proper official is hereby authorized and requested to issue said Letters Patent to said Empire Comfort Systems, Inc. in accordance with this Assignment. The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the attorneys of record in said application(s) to insert in this Assignment the serial number, filing date, and date of execution of said application(s).

For said considerations, the undersigned hereby agrees, upon the request and at the expense of said Assignee, to execute any divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part or substitute application for said invention or improvements, and any oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application(s), and, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned herein becoming involved in an interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof. The undersigned agrees to perform, upon request, any affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent of the United States and vest in said Assignee all rights therein, whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment has not been made.

And for said consideration, the undersigned hereby assigns to said Assignee the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements for all foreign countries, including all priority rights, and agrees to execute, at the request of said Assignee, all documents in connection with any application for foreign Letters Patent therefor.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand the 12<sup>th</sup> day of

NOVEMBER, 2002.



David M. Christensen

STATE OF

Illinois

COUNTY OF

St. Clair

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On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2002 before me, a Notary Public, within and for the County of St. Clair, State of Illinois, personally appeared David M. Christensen, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date and year last above written.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2/12/05



WITNESS:

By: Debra Buechler  
Printed Name: DEBRA BUECHLER

WITNESS:

By: Suzan H Reinhardt  
Printed Name: SUZAN H. REINHARDT

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand the 12<sup>TH</sup> day of  
NOVEMBER, 2002.

Bernard A. Lauzon  
Bernard A. Lauzon

STATE OF Illinois  
COUNTY OF St. Clair

SS

On this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002 before me, a Notary Public, within and  
for the County of St. Clair, State of Illinois, personally  
appeared Bernard A. Lauzon, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing  
assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date and year  
last above written.

Lavon Bott  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2/13/05



WITNESS:

By: Debra Buechler  
Printed Name: DEBRA BUECHLER

WITNESS:

By: Suzan H Reinhardt  
Printed Name: SUZAN H. REINHARDT

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand the 12 day of

November, 2002.

[Signature]  
Daniel J. Sovar

STATE OF Illinois  
COUNTY OF St. Clair

SS

On this 12th day of November 2002 before me, a Notary Public, within and for the County of St. Clair, State of Illinois, personally appeared Daniel J. Sovar, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date and year last above written.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2/13/05



WITNESS:

WITNESS:

By: [Signature]  
Printed Name: DOBRA BUECHTER

By: [Signature]  
Printed Name: SUZAN A. REINHARDT

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand the 12 day of

NOVEMBER, 2002.

[Signature]  
John A. Schweiss

STATE OF Illinois  
COUNTY OF St. Clair

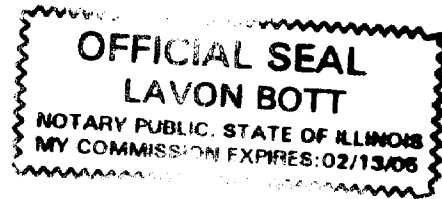
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On this 12th day of November 2002 before me, a Notary Public, within and for the County of St. Clair, State of Illinois, personally appeared John A. Schweiss, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date and year last above written.

*Lavon Bott*  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2/13/06



WITNESS:

WITNESS:

By: *Debra Buechler*

By: *Suzanne A. Reinhardt*

Printed Name: DEBRA BUECHLER

Printed Name: SUZANNE A. REINHARDT