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## 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Name: VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC.

Street Address: P.O. Box 358

Valley, NE 68064

## 3. Nature of conveyance:

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## ASSIGNMENT

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In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assigns to VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC., a Delaware corporation, having an address  
5 of P.O. Box 358, Valley, Nebraska 68064, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, Serial No. 10/284,571, filed in the United States Patent Office on the 30th day of October,  
10 2002, entitled A BREAKAWAY COUPLING, and in said application and any and all other applications for United States Letters Patent, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

15 The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC.

For said considerations, the undersigned hereby agrees, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all  
20 divisional, continuation and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and for the said considerations the undersigned further agrees, upon the request of said  
25 assignee, its successors or assigns, in the event of any application or Letters Patent

1 assigned hereby becoming involved in interference, to cooperate to the best of the  
ability of the undersigned with said assignee, its successors or assigns in the matter of  
preparing and executing the preliminary statement and producing evidence in support  
thereof, the undersigned hereby agreeing to perform, upon request, any and all  
5 affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent of the United States and vest all rights  
therein hereby conveyed in said assignee, its successors and assigns, whereby said  
Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by the said assignee, its successors and  
assigns, 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  
10 assignment and sale had not been made, together with all claims for damages by  
reason of past infringement of said Letters Patent with the right to sue for and collect the  
same for its own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of its successors,  
assigns or other legal representatives.

15 And for said considerations, the undersigned hereby assigns to said assignee, its  
successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in said invention or  
improvements for any and all foreign countries and agrees upon the request of  
assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all documents that  
undersigned shall be requested to execute in connection with any and all applications  
20 for foreign Letters Patent therefore, including the prosecution thereof, and to execute  
any and all documents necessary to vest title in said foreign applications and patents in  
assignee.

1 The attorneys of record are hereby authorized to insert the serial number and  
filing date in the above blank spaces when received from the Patent Office.

Witness my hand and seal this 01 day of October, 2002.

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ARMAND A. DAMIANO

STATE OF NEBRASKA ]  
COUNTY OF Fairfax ] ss.

10 On this 1st day of October, 2002, before me, a Notary Public in and  
for the county and state aforesaid, appeared ARMAND A. DAMIANO, to me personally  
known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and  
acknowledged that he executed said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the  
uses and purposes therein expressed.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above given.

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Notary Public

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : ARMAND A. DAMIANO GROUP NO.: 3632  
SERIAL NO. : 10/284,571  
FILED : October 30, 2002  
TITLE : A BREAKAWAY COUPLING

ELECTION UNDER 37 CFR § 3.71 AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The undersigned, being Assignee of the entire interest in the above-identified application by virtue of an Assignment recorded, or submitted herewith for recording, in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as set forth below, hereby elects, under 37 CFR § 3.71, to prosecute the application to the exclusion of the inventor(s). Assignee hereby certifies that the attached Assignment has been reviewed, and that to the best of Assignee's knowledge and belief, title is in the Assignee.

The Assignee hereby revokes any previous Powers of Attorney and appoints THOMTE, MAZOUR & NIEBERGALL, Customer No. 31,083, Suite 1111, 2120 South 72nd Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68124, telephone: 402-392-2280, as its attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Please direct all communications as follows:

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ASSIGNEE:

VALMONT INDUSTRIES, INC.

Date:

12/11/02

By:

Name: P. Thomas Pogge

Title: Vice President & General Counsel

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