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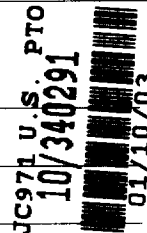
Name: The Hoover Company

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Street Address: 101 East Maple Street

City: North Canton State: OH ZIP: 44720

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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

WHEREAS, we, Douglas E. Gerber, 732 Circle Hill Road, S.E., North Canton, Ohio 44720; Kenneth H. Cooper, 176 Stull Avenue, Akron, Ohio 44312; Arne J. Diehl, 604 Lorena Street, S.W., North Canton, Ohio 44720; Sergey V. Makarov, 33273 Cottesmore Place, Solon, Ohio 44139; Mark A. Stransky, 115 Lindsey Road, Munroe Falls, Ohio 44262; and William H. Theiss, Jr., 3914 Ennis Circle, N.E., Canton, Ohio 44705, have invented certain new and useful improvements in the invention entitled BRUSH ASSEMBLY FOR A FLOOR CLEANING UNIT.

WHEREAS, THE HOOVER COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and doing business at North Canton, Ohio, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in said invention and in and to the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor:

NOW THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known, that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) each of us in hand paid, and other valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said Douglas E. Gerber, Kenneth H. Cooper, Arne J. Diehl, Sergey V. Makarov, Mark A. Stransky and William H. Theiss, Jr., have sold, assigned and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto THE HOOVER COMPANY, aforesaid, its successors and assigns, the whole right, title and interest in and to the said invention, as fully set forth and described in the subject U.S. Patent Application, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue the said Letters Patent to THE HOOVER COMPANY, aforesaid, as assignee of our entire right, title and interest, for the sole use and behoof of THE HOOVER COMPANY, aforesaid, its successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal, this 9th day of JAN, 2003.

Douglas E. Gerber
Douglas E. Gerber

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Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Douglas E. Gerber, personally known to me and known to be the person whose name is signed to the above instrument, and acknowledged the above instrument as he free act and deed, this 9th day of January, 2003.

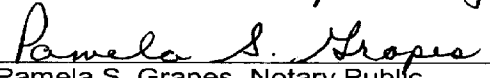
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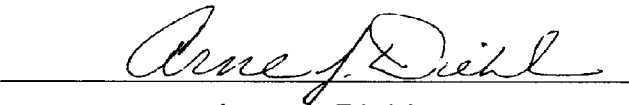

Kenneth H. Cooper

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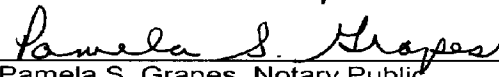

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Arne J. Diehl

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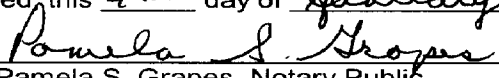

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Sergey V. Makarov

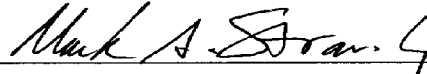
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Mark Stransky

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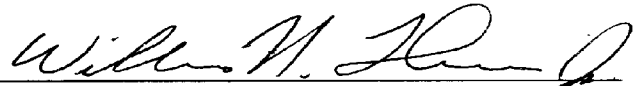
Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid Mark A. Stransky, personally known to me and known to be the person whose name is signed to the above instrument, and acknowledged the above instrument as he free act and deed, this 9th day of January, 2003.



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William H. Theiss, Jr.

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Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid William H. Theiss, Jr., personally known to me and known to be the person whose name is signed to the above instrument, and acknowledged the above instrument as he free act and deed, this 9th day of January, 2003.



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