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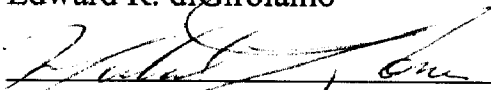
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In consideration of Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$5.00) and other good and valuable consideration, of which receipt is acknowledged, we, **Edward R. diGirolamo** and **Michael L. Torres**, of 12704 Lindley Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27614 and 2000 Garden Wall Court, Raleigh, North Carolina 27614, respectively, owners of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the improvements in a **Metal Half Wall and a Connector Assembly for Securing Studs of a Half Wall to an Underlying Support Structure**, invented by us, as described in the application for U.S. patent executed concurrently herewith, hereby sell and assign to **The Steel Network, Inc.**, a North Carolina Corporation, their entire right, title, and interest in the Letters Patent, to be held and enjoyed by **The Steel Network, Inc.**, its successors, and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by both **Edward R. diGirolamo** and **Michael L. Torres** had this assignment and sale not been made.

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