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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies) Name: Honda Giken Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha Internal Address: Street Address: No. 1-1, Minami-Aoyama 2-chome Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan City: State: Zip: Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, George Graus, City of Mebane, State of North Carolina; James C. Keane, City of Chapel Hill, State of North Carolina; and Hiroshi Hojo, City of Chapel Hill, State of North Carolina; (hereinafter "Assignors"), have invented certain new and useful improvements in HEIGHT ADJUSTMENT APPARATUS AND METHOD for which application for a U.S. Patent was made on March 28, 2003.

AND, WHEREAS, Honda Giken Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the Country of Japan having its principal office and place of business at No. 1-1, Minami-Aoyama 2-chome, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan, (hereinafter "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring an interest therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignors have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, their entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all foreign patent applications filed on the invention, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of

America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with their right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said Assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors if this assignment and sale had not been made.

Assignors hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

Assignors further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, Assignors possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that they have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

Assignors further covenant and agree, and likewise bind their heirs, legal representatives and assigns, to promptly communicate to said Assignee or its representatives any facts known to them relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the Assignee, its representatives, successors and assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the Assignee complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further


compensation, but at the expense of said Assignee, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives.

Executed this 19 day of MARCH 2003.

  
George Graus

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Executed this 19 day of MARCH 2003.

  
James C. Keane

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Executed this 19 day of March 2003.

  
Hiroshi Hojo

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