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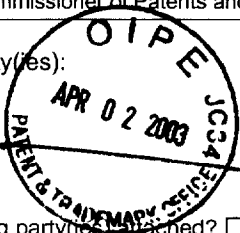
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ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

WHEREAS Uwe STINGEL of Messstetten, GERMANY, Bob HAGENS of Denver, North Carolina, U.S.A. and Eckhard FEHRENBACHER of Bondorf, Germany, hereinafter (collectively) referred to as the assignor, have invented a certain improvement relating to SET OF NEEDLES, for which said assignor has caused an application for a United States Patent to be prepared,

[] the inventor's declaration for said application being executed concurrently with the execution of this instrument; said application to be filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office;

[XX] said application having been filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 26, 2002, and given application No. _____;

[] said application having been filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on _____, and given International application No. _____, the United States of America having been designated.

AND WHEREAS Groz-Beckert KG, Parkweg 2, D-72458 Albstadt, GERMANY, hereinafter referred to as the assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, including any divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to said invention and any patents which may be granted therefor, including any renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof;

NOW THIS WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration paid by said assignee to said assignor, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said assignor hereby assigns, sells and transfers to said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and to said application, including any divisions and continuations thereof, and in any patents which may be granted therefor, including any renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof; said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, to have, hold, exercise and enjoy the said invention and said application, including any divisions and continuations thereof, and any patents which may be granted therefor, including any renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, with all the rights, powers, privileges and advantages in anywise arising from or appertaining thereto, for and during the term or terms of any such patents when granted, including any renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof, for the use and benefit of said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, in as ample and beneficial a manner as the said assignor might or could have held and enjoyed the same, if this assignment had not been made.

AND said assignor hereby agrees to perform, upon the request of said assignee, or said assignee's successors or assigns, any acts relating to the obtaining or to the asserting of said patents, including any renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof.

AND said assignor authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue a Patent on said application, and on any divisions and continuations thereof, to said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, in accordance herewith.

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