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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Name: Kurt F. James Internal Address: Senniger, Powers, Leavitt & Roedel Street Address: One Metropolitan Square, 16th Floor City: <u>St. Louis</u> State: <u>MO</u> Zip: <u>63102</u>		6. Total number of applications and patents involved: <u>1</u> 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$ <u>40.00</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account 8. Deposit account number: <u>19-1345</u> (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)	
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9. Statement and signature. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div> <u>Kurt F. James</u>            Name of Person Signing         </div> <div>             Signature         </div> <div> <u>June 30, 2003</u>            Date         </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div>Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: <u>8</u></div> <div>Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet information to: Commissioner of Patent &amp; Trademarks, Box Assignments Washington, D. C. 20231</div> </div>			

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ASSIGNMENT

**WHEREAS, We** Stephen B. Crain of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, Christopher T. Moore of Creal Springs, Illinois, Ralph C. Mize of Jonesboro, Illinois, Jerry L. Williamson of Olmsted, Illinois and Larry W. Essex of Villa Ridge, Illinois, have invented an improvement in GEOMATIC SUPPORT HAVING HINGED LEGS WITH HINGE LOCK (File CJM 9655) and have executed an application for a United States patent based thereon assigned Serial No. 10/418,553, filed April 18, 2003;

**AND, WHEREAS,** Crain Enterprises, Inc. of Mound City, Illinois, a corporation of the State of Illinois (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, we have agreed to and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto in and to said invention, said United States application, any other United States applications (including provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuing, or reissue applications) based in whole or in part on said United States application or in whole or in part on said invention, any foreign applications based in whole or in part on any of the aforesaid United States applications or in whole or in part on said invention, and any and all patents

(including extensions thereof) of any country which have been or may be granted on any of the aforesaid applications or on said invention or any part thereof;

**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 us had no sale and assignment of said interest been made;

**AND We** hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America to issue any and all United States patents which may be granted upon said United States applications or any of them, or upon said invention or any part thereof, to said ASSIGNEE;

**AND We** hereby jointly and severally agree for ourselves and for our respective heirs, executors and administrators, to execute without further consideration any further lawful documents and any further assurances, and any provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuing, reissue, or other applications for patents of any country, that may be deemed necessary by said ASSIGNEE fully to secure to said ASSIGNEE its interest as aforesaid in and to said invention or any part thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them;

**AND We** hereby jointly and severally covenant for ourselves and our respective legal representatives that we have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said invention, to anyone except said ASSIGNEE, that prior to the execution of this deed our right, title and interest in said invention had not been

otherwise encumbered, and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands.

5-20-03  
Date

Stephen B Crain  
STEPHEN B. CRAIN

STATE OF Illinois )  
COUNTY OF Pulaski )

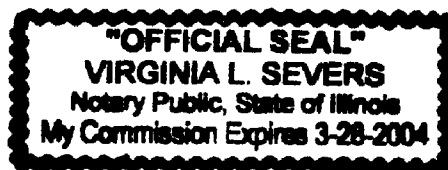
On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared STEPHEN B. CRAIN to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date and year last above written.

Virginia L Severs  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

3-28-2004



5-20-03

Date

Christopher T. Moore  
CHRISTOPHER T. MOORE

STATE OF Illinois )

COUNTY OF Pulaski )

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared CHRISTOPHER T. MOORE to me known to be the person described, in and who executed, the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and the date and year last above written.

Virginia L. Severs  
Notary Public

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Date

Ralph C. Mize  
RALPH C. MIZE

STATE OF Illinois )  
COUNTY OF Pulaski )

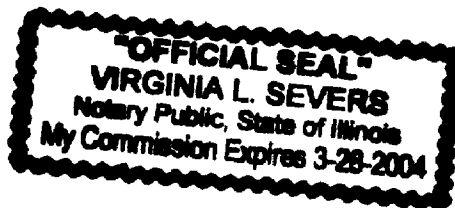
On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared RALPH C. MIZE to me known to be the person described, in and who executed, the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and the date and year last above written.

Virginia L. Severs  
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Date

JERRY L. WILLIAMSON

STATE OF Illinois )  
COUNTY OF Pulaski )

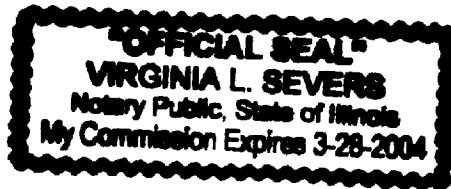
On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared JERRY L. WILLIAMSON to me known to be the person described, in and who executed, the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and the date and year last above written.

Virginia L. Severs  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

3-28-2004



5-20-03  
Date

*[Signature]*  
LARRY W. ESSEX

STATE OF Illinois )  
COUNTY OF Pulaski )

On this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared LARRY W. ESSEX to me known to be the person described, in and who executed, the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and the date and year last above written.

*Virginia L. Severs*  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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