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1. Name of conveying party(ies): 7-30-03
Dewert Antriebs-und Systemtechnik GmbH & Co. KG

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: La-Z-Boy Incorporated

Internal Address: _____

Additional name of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

Street Address: 1284 N. Telegraph Road

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment Merger
- Security Agreement Change of Name
- Other _____

City: Southfield State: MI Zip: 48162

Execution Date: June 16, 2003

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A. Patent Application No.(s)
10/196,851

B. Patent No.(s)

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5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning this document should be mailed:

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: One

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Signature

7/28/03
Date

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, the undersigned, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, currently owns the full and exclusive right, title and interest in the invention entitled

ELECTRIC MOTOR DRIVEN ACTUATOR

for which the following applications or patents pertain:

United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/196,851 filed on July 17, 2002, which is a National Phase entry based on PCT Patent Application Serial No. WO 2001EP13249 filed November 16, 2001 which claims priority to German Utility Model Registration No. DE 200 19 630.8 filed November 17, 2000;

PCT Patent Application Serial No. WO 2001EP13249 filed November 16, 2001 which claims priority to German Utility Model Registration No. DE 200 19 630.8 filed November 17, 2000;

European Patent Application No. EP 01 995637 filed November 16, 2001 which claims priority to German Utility Model Registration No. DE 200 19 630.8 filed November 17, 2000; and

German Utility Model Registration No. DE 200 19 630.8 filed November 17, 2000, registered on January 11, 2001.

WHEREAS, La-Z-Boy Incorporated, a Michigan corporation, having a principal place of business at 1284 N. Telegraph Road, Monroe, Michigan 48162-3990, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring an undivided one-half interest therein:

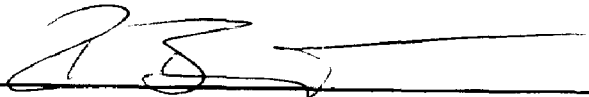
NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignor by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee and its successors in interest, an undivided one-half interest in the United States of America and all foreign countries, including the right to claim priority under the laws of the United States, the Paris Convention, and any foreign countries, to the invention as described in the aforesaid applications, said applications for patent and all Letters Patent therefor to be held and enjoyed by Assignee to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted and any extensions thereof as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made, and the right to recover for past infringements of, or liabilities for, any of the rights relating to any of said applications or patents resulting therefrom;

Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to execute all instruments or documents required or requested for the making and prosecution of any applications of any type for patent in the United States and in all foreign countries including, but not limited to, any provisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, renewal or substitute thereof,

and as to letters patent any reissue, re-examination, or extension thereof, and for litigation regarding, or for the purpose of protecting title to the said invention, the applications for patent, or Letters Patent therefor, and to testify in support thereof, for the benefit of Assignee without further or other compensation than that above set forth; and

Assignor hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be entered into which would conflict with this Assignment. Furthermore, Assignor transfers the above-identified undivided one-half interest pursuant to and subject to that certain Agreement by and between Dewert Motorized Systems, Dewert Antriebs-und Systemtechnik GmbH & Co. KG, La-Z-Boy Incorporated, Centurian Furniture, Plc, and Tom Brown, effective January 31, 2003.

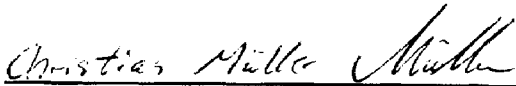
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GmbH & Co. KG

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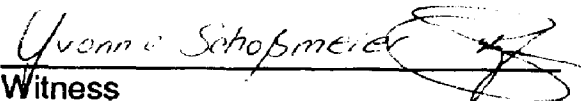
Printed Name: Ralf Bokämper

Title: Managing Director

Date: 16.06.2003


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