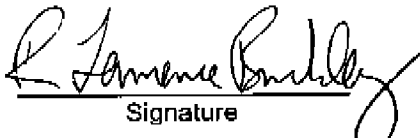


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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, R&D Engineering, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and having its principal offices at 23 Taylor Avenue, Manasquan, New Jersey 08736, is the owner of all right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 6,452,499, issued September 17, 2002; and

WHEREAS, The Toro Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having its principal offices at 8111 Lyndale Avenue, Bloomington, Minnesota 55420 (hereinafter "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 6,452,499;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration paid by the Assignee, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, R&D Engineering, Inc. has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto The Toro Company, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 6,452,499.

Upon said consideration, R&D Engineering, Inc. does hereby covenant and agree with The Toro Company, its successors and assigns, that it will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with these presents, and that R&D Engineering, Inc. will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the Assignee, its successors and assigns, execute such additional writings and do such additional acts as the Assignee, its successors and assigns, may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the Assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, continuation, reissued or extended Letters Patent of the United States, or of any and all foreign countries on said invention, and in enforcing any rights, occurring as a result of such applications or patents, by giving testimony in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal on behalf of said corporation on this 19 day of June, 2003.

R&D ENGINEERING, INC.

Thomas H. Runge
Name: Thomas H. Runge
Title/Position: President

STATE OF New Jersey)
COUNTY OF Monmouth) ss.

On this 19 day of June, 2003, before me personally appeared Thomas H. Runge, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he (she) executed the same as his (her) free act and deed.

Margaret A. Allen
Notary Public

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