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In consideration of One Dollar and other good and valuable consideration, of which we acknowledge receipt, JAMES P. LANGFORD, of Port Washington, Wisconsin, hereby sells and assigns to ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., 3600 West Lake Avenue, Glenview, Illinois 60025, (hereinafter referred to as the "Company") its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the improvements in INTERNALLY THREADED FASTENER AND STEMMED WASHER ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME, invented jointly by JEFFREY D. ANDERSON, KENT D. HOMFELDT, MICHAEL E. WARD, and JAMES P. LANGFORD, as described in the above-referenced Application Serial No. 09/871,127 filed May 31, 2001, and any and all applications for patent and patents therefor in any and all countries, including all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said Company, or its successors or assigns and agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Company, we will communicate to said Company or its representatives or nominees any facts known to us respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

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