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ASSIGNMENT


WHEREAS, I, James M. Verros, a citizen of the United States, residing at 709 E. Main Street, Elk Point, South Dakota 57025 in the County of Union, and the State of South Dakota, has made an invention entitled **BIDIRECTIONAL SIDE DUMP TRAILER WITH IMPROVED TUB LIFT SYSTEM** and have today executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America based thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged, I have agreed to assign and transfer and do hereby assign and transfer unto **SmithCo Mfg., Inc.**, a corporation of the State of Iowa, having its principal office at 30902 C-38, LeMars, Iowa 51031, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any division, continuation or continuation-in-part, of said application, and in and to any and all improvements in the said invention made by me or made jointly with others (provided any such improvement is made during my employment by said Company or within one year thereafter), and in and to any and all Letters Patent and reissues and extensions thereof, of the United States of America and countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent in foreign countries in its own name and to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise), which have been or may be granted thereon or on any divisional, continuation (in whole or in part), renewal, reissue or other or further application based in whole or in part upon the said invention or improvements thereon, to be held and enjoyed as fully and exclusively as they would have been by me had this assignment and transfer not been made;

I do further agree for myself and for my heirs, executors and administrators, to execute and deliver without further consideration any further applications, assignments and documents, and to perform such other acts as I lawfully may, that may be deemed necessary by the said **SmithCo Mfg., Inc.**, its successors, assigns and nominees, fully to secure its interest as aforesaid and to obtain or maintain Letters Patent in any and all countries.

And I do hereby authorize and request the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patent which may be granted upon any of the said applications, to the said **SmithCo Mfg., Inc.**, as the assignee of the entire interest therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name on the day and year set forth below.

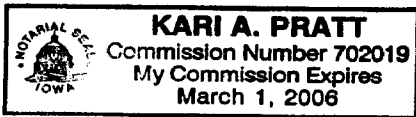



James M. Verros
10-1-03

Date

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) ss:
COUNTY OF PLYMOUTH)

On this 1 day of October, 2003, before me personally appeared the above-named personally known to me, and known by me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed, on the day and year aforesaid.





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