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William F. Leek  
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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc.

Internal Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment  Merger
- Security Agreement  Change of Name
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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, WE, WILLIAM F. LEEK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 2995 Ribera Road, Carmel, CA 93923 and CHARLES-HENRI MATHIS, a citizen of France, residing at 17 Rue du College, La Rochelle, France 17000 have jointly made an invention entitled DECK BOARD TIE CONNECTOR, CONNECTION AND METHOD, Attorney's Docket No. SST/1300, and have on August 5, 2003 and August 7, 2003, respectively, executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America based thereon; which was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and received Serial Number 10/461,547 and a filing date of June 12, 2003.

WHEREAS, SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC., a corporation of California having its principal office at 4120 Dublin Boulevard, Suite 400, Dublin, CA 94568, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in, to and under said invention and the United States Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of one dollar \$1.00, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said WILLIAM F. LEEK and CHARLES-HENRI MATHIS by these presents do assign and transfer unto said SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC., 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 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 on any of the foregoing to be held and enjoyed as fully and exclusively as they would have been by us had this assignment and transfer not been made;

We hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment and sale;

We do further agree for ourselves and for our heirs, executors and administrators to execute and deliver without further consideration but at the expense of SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC., any further

applications, assignments and documents, and to perform such other acts as we lawfully may, that may be deemed necessary by the said SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, 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 we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent which may be granted upon any of the said applications, to the said SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC., as the assignee of the entire interest therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto signed our names on the day and year set forth below.

William F. Leek

William F. Leek

SIGNED at Dublin, CALIFORNIA.

(city)

Dated: 10-7-03

Charles-Henri Mathis

Charles-Henri Mathis

SIGNED at La Rochelle, FRANCE.

(city)

Dated: 10/15/2003

Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc., hereby agrees to the aforementioned assignment and accepts this assignment with all rights and obligations pertaining thereto.

SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC.

Date: 10/7/2003

By: Stephen B. Lamson

Name: Stephen B. Lamson

Title: President

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of California

County of ALAMEDA

On OCT 7, 2003 before me, personally  
appeared WILLIAM F. LEEK AND STEPHEN B. LAMSON  
\_\_\_\_\_ personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory  
evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within  
instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in  
his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on  
the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s)  
acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature *Kathleen M. Kuwitzky*

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