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ASSIGNMENT

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Wildwood Ridge, City of Colgate, State of Wisconsin 53017, USA, to **JOHNSON LEVEL & TOOL MFG. CO., INC.**, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and located and doing business at 6333 West Donges Bay Road, Mequon, Wisconsin 53092, USA.

IN CONSIDERATION of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said **RICHARD J. GRUETZMACHER** hereby sells, assigns and transfers to said **JOHNSON LEVEL & TOOL MFG. CO., INC.**, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in:

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and the invention therein as set forth in his application for United States Letters Patent therefor, executed on 8/15/03, and in and to said application and any divisions or continuations thereof, and any Letters Patent obtained for the said invention in the United States and foreign countries, or issuing out of said application or any such division or continuation thereof, and any reissues or extensions of any such Letters Patent.

The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized and requested to issue Letters Patent for said invention to said **JOHNSON LEVEL & TOOL MFG. CO., INC.**, as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein.

And, the said **RICHARD J. GRUETZMACHER** hereby covenants that he has full right to convey the entire right, title and interest in said invention, and that he has not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

And he further covenants that he will, at any time, upon request, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title in said **JOHNSON LEVEL & TOOL MFG. CO., INC.**, to said invention or any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor, and if said **JOHNSON LEVEL & TOOL MFG. CO., INC.**, or its assignee, desire to make a substitute, divisional or continuation application for said invention, or to secure a reissue or extension of said Letters Patent, to file a disclaimer relating thereto, or an application for a corresponding patent in any foreign country, that he will upon request, sign all

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RICHARD J. GRUETZMACHER further hereby acknowledges that the entire beneficial interest in the invention to which the above application relates is irrevocably vested in the assignee including the right to make application for protection in all countries abroad and to claim priority under the International Convention for such applications and hereby assents to the making of any such applications, with or without priority claim, and of any divisional application resulting therefrom.

And, he further covenants that he will at all times communicate to the said **JOHNSON LEVEL & TOOL MFG. CO., INC.**, its successors, assigns or legal representatives, all facts relating to said invention and Letters Patent, or the history thereof, known to him, and testify as the same in interferences or other litigation, when requested so to do.

I hereby authorize the above-mentioned assignee or the attorney of record to insert in this instrument the filing date serial number of my said application:

Serial Number: 29/188,543

Filing Date: August 20, 2003


Executed and delivered this 15 day of AUGUST, 2003.

Inventor 
RICHARD J. GRUETZMACHER

State of Wisconsin)
County of Ozaukee) :SS

Personally appeared before me this 15th day of August, 2003, **RICHARD J. GRUETZMACHER**, to me known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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My Commission expires 6/17/2007

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