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ASSIGNMENT
(Joint Inventors)

We are the joint inventors whose names and residences are listed below:

1. **Donald J. Siglin**, a resident of the City of Oro Valley, in the State of Arizona, and Country of U.S.A.
2. **David A. Ver Steeg**, a resident of the City of Sioux Falls, in the State of South Dakota, and Country of U.S.A
3. **Charles L. Hammond**, a resident of the City of Sioux Falls, in the State of South Dakota, and Country of U.S.A.
4. **Gary D. Seeba**, a resident of the City of Sioux Falls, in the State of South Dakota, and Country of U.S.A.
5. **Keith M. Polzin**, a resident of the City of Tea, in the State of South Dakota, and Country of U.S.A.
6. **Gary L. Hoover**, a resident of the City of Sioux Falls, in the State of South Dakota, and Country of U.S.A.

We have jointly made an invention comprising certain new, useful, and non-obvious improvements in:

ZERO GROUND DISTURBANCE SYSTEM

Said invention is described or intended to be described and set forth in the patent application presently identified as Docket No. 14159US02.

- * which we executed on the same date(s) as we signed this assignment for the purpose of seeking Letters Patent of the United States for our invention.

Sioux Steel Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware (hereinafter: "said assignee"), having a place of business at 196 ½ East 6th Street, Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57103-5929, U.S.A. desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention, said application, and any Letters Patent which may be granted for said invention, said application, and any and all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reissues, reexamination certificates, and extensions thereof.

We warrant and represent that we conceived said invention ourselves, that no one other than us is a joint inventor of said invention, and that neither we nor any of us have assigned or agreed to assign any rights in said invention or said application to anyone other than said assignee or a predecessor in interest to said assignee.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby assign to said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire worldwide right, title, and interest in and to said invention, said application, and any Letters Patent which may be granted for said invention, said application, and any and all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reissues, reexamination certificates, substitutes, and extensions of said application (each of which is included herein as a part of "said application"), including but not limited to all our United States and other national rights to said invention and said application and all our rights under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and all other applicable treaties or laws in respect to said invention and said application.

We hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent which may be granted for said invention or upon said application unto said assignee, its successors and assigns, in accordance with this assignment.

We hereby authorize said assignee to apply for patents on said invention in foreign countries, claiming the filing date of said application under the provisions of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and all other applicable treatise and laws, and we further agree to execute any and all documents that may be required or desired by said assignee in order that said assignee may apply for Letters Patent on said invention in foreign countries in our or its name.

We hereby agree to promptly communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said invention or said application; to testify in any legal proceeding relating thereto; to sign all lawful papers, including but not limited to all divisional, continuing, continuing-in-part, reissue, substitute, and extension applications, all rightful oaths or declarations, and documents confirming or substituting for this assignment.

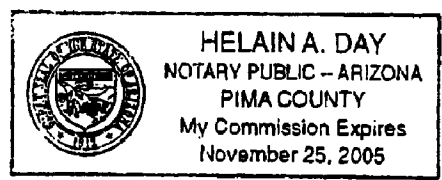
Signed at Oro Valley and State of Arizona, this 25th day of November, 2003.

Donald J. Siglin
Donald J. Siglin

STATE OF ARIZONA)
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I, Helain A. Day, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that **Donald J. Siglin** personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person 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.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 25 day of Nov, 2003.



Helain A. Day
Notary Public

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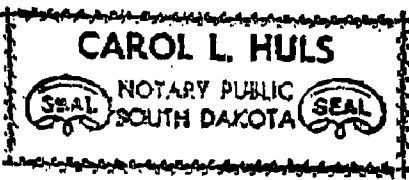
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day of November, 2003.

David A. Ver Steeg
David A. Ver Steeg

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
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I, Carol L. Huls, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid,
do hereby certify that David A. Ver Steeg personally known to me to be the same person whose
name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person 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.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 25th day of NOV., 2003.



Carol L. Huls
Notary Public

(SEAL)

My commission expires My Commission Expires April 14, 2008

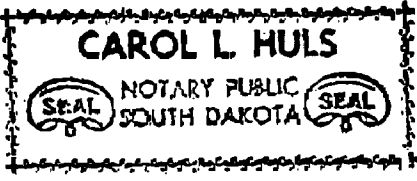
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Charles L. Hammond
Charles L. Hammond

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
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I, Carol L. Huls, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that **Charles L. Hammond** personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person 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.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 25th day of Nov., 2003.



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Notary Public

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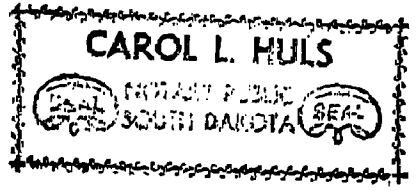
Signed at Sioux Steel Company, and State of South Dakota, this 25th
day of November, 2003.

Gary D. Seeba
Gary D. Seeba

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
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I, Carol L. Huls, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid,
do hereby certify that Gary D. Seeba personally known to me to be the same person whose name
is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person 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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Carol L. Huls
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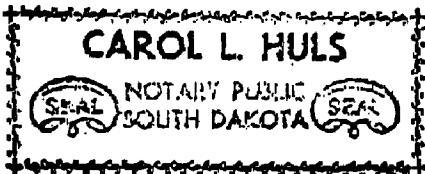
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day of Nov., 2003.

Keith M. Polzin
Keith M Polzin

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
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I, Carol L. Huls, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid,
do hereby certify that Keith M Polzin personally known to me to be the same person whose name
is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and
acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary
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Carol L. Huls
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