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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, I, WILLIAM F. LEEK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 2995 Ribera Road, Carmel, California 93923, have jointly made an invention with Thomas J. Fitzmyers entitled SINGLE-PIECE CONTINUITY TIE , Attorney's Docket No. SST/1073, for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office receiving a filing date of August 14, 2000 and Serial Number 09/638,453;

WHEREAS, SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC., a corporation of the State of California having its principal office at 4120 Dublin Boulevard, Suite 400, Dublin, California 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), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, I, WILLIAM F. LEEK, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC., its successor 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 me had this assignment and transfer not been made;

I 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;

I do further agree for myself and for my 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 I 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 I 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 right, title, and interest therein.

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

Executed this 8th day of December 2003, at Dublin, CA. California.

William F. Leek

William F. Leek

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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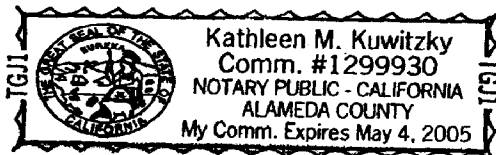
On DEC 8, 2003 before me, personally appeared WILLIAM F. LEEK personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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