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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I **FRANCIS S. SMIDLER** of **7413 U.S. 231 South, Lafayette, Indiana 47905** have invented certain new and useful improvements in **SIDEWALL OF A SEMI-TRAILER HAVING A HIGH BASERAIL** for which I have executed a patent application in the United States on the 24 day of June, 2004; and

WHEREAS, **WABASH NATIONAL, L.P.**, a limited partnership organized and existing under the laws of the State of **Delaware** having its principal place of business at **1000 Sagamore Parkway South, Lafayette, Indiana 47905** (hereinafter referred to as "**ASSIGNEE**"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said provisional application, and in, to and under all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries that may be granted therefor or claiming priority therefrom;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration to me in hand paid by said ASSIGNEE, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, said **FRANCIS S. SMIDLER** have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to and unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, and assigns, for, within and throughout the United States and the territories thereof, and all foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in, to and under said provisional application, and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries (including all priority rights that I may have or acquire under any International Convention or treaty) that may be granted for or claim priority from said invention and improvements, including divisions, reissues, subdivisions, continuations and prolongations of such applications and Letters Patent, to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all of said Letters Patents for said invention may issue.

I do hereby covenant and agree, for myself, my heirs and my legal representatives, that I will assist said ASSIGNEE in the prosecution of the provisional application herein identified; in the making and prosecution of any other applications for Letters Patent that said ASSIGNEE may elect to make covering the invention herein identified, as hereinbefore set forth; in vesting in said ASSIGNEE like exclusive title in and to all such other applications and Letters Patent; and in the prosecution of any interference which may arise involving said invention, or any application or Letters Patent herein contemplated; and that I will execute and deliver to said ASSIGNEE any and all additional papers that may be requested by said ASSIGNEE to fully carry out the terms of this assignment.

I do hereby authorize and request our attorneys, Trexler, Bushnell, Giangiorgi, Blackstone & Marr, Ltd., of 105 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603, to insert here in parentheses (Serial No. 10/762,738, filed January 22, 2004) the date and serial number of said application when officially known.

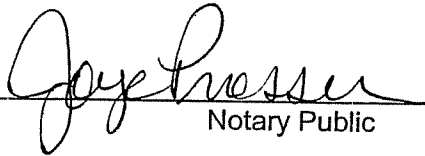
And I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue all Letters Patent of the United States that may be granted claiming priority from the provisional application aforesaid, or for said invention, to said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, in accordance with this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 24 day of June, 2004.

  
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FRANCIS S. SMIDLER

STATE OF Indiana )  
COUNTY OF Tippecanoe )

This 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2004, before me personally came the above named **FRANCIS S. SMIDLER** to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

  
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Notary Public

(Notarial Seal)