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Insert Name(s)
of Inventor(s)**Dr. Alfred Müller, Robert Gettert**

(hereinafter designated as the undersigned) has (have) invented certain new and useful improvements in

Insert Title of
Invention**A Retaining System**

for which an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America has been executed by the undersigned on

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Application

; and

WHEREAS,

Insert Name of
Assignee**Maurer Söhne GmbH & Co. KG, a corporation of the County of Germany, having a place of business at**Insert Address
of Assignee**Frankfurter Rinn 193, 80807 München, Germany**

its heirs, successors, legal representatives and assigns (hereinafter designated as the Assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent(s) that may be granted therefor in the United States of America;

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The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with this application and any continuing, divisional or reissue applications thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

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