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Form **PTO-1595** J.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE RECORL. (Rev. 03/01) U.S. Patent and Trademark Office PATENTS OF OMB No. 0651-0027 (exp. 5/31/2002) To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof. 1. Name of conveying party(ies): 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies): Ryoichiro Uehara Name: YKK Corporation Kayo Fujimoto Internal Address: Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes X No 3. Nature of conveyance: Street Address: 1, Kanda Izumi-Cho X Assignment Merger Chiyoda-Ku \_ Security Agreement \_ Change of Name \_\_\_\_State: \_\_\_\_ City: Tokyo Other Country: Japan Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? X No Execution Date(s): February 4, 2003 4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: 02/04/03 A. Patent Application No.(s) B. Patent No.(s) Atty. Docket No. 114218-024 Filing Date January 20, 2004 Additional numbers attached? Yes X No 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence 6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1 concerning document should be mailed: 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$ 40.00 X Enclosed Michael S. Leonard Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLC Authorized to be charged to deposit account P.O. Box 1135 8. Deposit account number: Chicago, Illinois 60690-1135 02-1818 (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account) DO NOT USE THIS SPACE 9. Statement and signature. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document. Michael S. Leonard (Reg. No. 37,557) January 20, 2004 Name of Person Signing Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and documents: 3 Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet information to: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Assignments, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 01/28/2004 ECOOPER 00000028 29197882 01 FC:8021 40.00 DF

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## ASSIGNMENT

FOR valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, the undersigned,

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hereby sell, assign and transfer unto YKK Corporation, a Japanese corporation, having an office and place of business at 1, Kanda Izumi-Cho, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo, Japan, the whole right, title and interest in and to a certain invention or improvement in

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disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, prepared by the firm of Bell, Boyd & Lloyd of Chicago, Illinois, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on December 19, 2002, as U.S. Serial No. 29/173,064, and in and to the United States Letters Patent therefor, when issued, together with all improvements thereon and betterments thereof, all divisions, continuations and reissues thereof and substitutions of or for said application, and all rights and privileges under the Letters Patent that may be granted therefor, including the right to claim the benefit of an earlier filing date for the same invention in a foreign country.

We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue the Letters Patent that may be granted for said invention or improvements to said assignee, YKK Corporation.

For the same consideration, we hereby agree that we will promptly communicate to the aforesaid assignee or its assigns full and complete information concerning said improvements or betterments of the inventions disclosed in said application, and will cooperate at any time upon request of said assignee or its assigns, at its expense, in the procurement of patent protection to cover the inventions herein assigned and to be assigned, including the execution of new, divisional, continuing and reissue applications; will make all rightful oaths, will testify in any proceedings in the United States Patent Office or in the Courts, and generally will do everything lawfully possible to aid said assignee, its successors, assigns and nominees to obtain, enjoy and enforce proper patent protection for the inventions embraced within the terms of this document.

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