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## ASSIGNMENT AND AGREEMENT

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, We, **Tom Edwards, Errol Pearsons, Gary Schmitt, Brian Yeckering, Odie Eaves and Rick Rimer**, all citizens of the United States of America, hereby sell, assign and transfer to **HNI Technologies Inc.**, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Iowa, and having its principal place of business at 414 East Third Street, Muscatine, Iowa 52761, as assignee, and its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest, for all countries in and to certain inventions relating to improvements in a

### **DECORATIVE CHAIR BASE ASSEMBLY**

described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States,

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filed on May 24, 2004 as Application Serial No. 10/852,741.

and all the rights and privileges under any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefor, including any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, divisions, reissues, re-examinations, and extensions thereof.

We request that any and all patents for said inventions be issued to said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, or to such nominees as it may designate.

We agree that, when requested, we will, without charge to said assignee but at its expense, sign all papers, take all rightful oaths, and do all acts which may be necessary, desirable or convenient for securing and maintaining patents for said inventions in any and all countries and for vesting title thereto in said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees.

We authorize and empower the said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees, to invoke and claim for any application for patent or other form of protection for said inventions filed by it or them, the benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for it, and to invoke and claim such right of priority without further written or oral authorization from me.

We hereby consent that a copy of this assignment shall be deemed a full legal and formal equivalent of any assignment, consent to file or like document which may be required in any country for any purpose and more particularly in proof of the right of the said assignee or nominee to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for it.

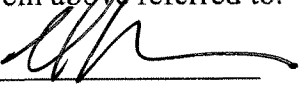
We covenant with said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance, and that we have full right to convey the same as herein expressed.

Signed at SPRING LAKE, MI  
(city, state)

This 2nd day of JUNE, 2004.

  
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Tom Edwards

Signed in our presence and acknowledged to be an assignment of the application (invention) herein above referred to.

Witness  Date 6/2/04  
(signature)


Typed name ERROL PEARSONS

Witness  Date 6/2/04  
(signature)

Typed name ANN M. WASSMANN

Signed at SPRING LAKE, MI  
(city, state)

This 4 day of JUNE, 2004.

  
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**Errol Pearsons**

Signed in our presence and acknowledged to be an assignment of the application (invention) herein above referred to.

Witness Thomas M Edwards Date 06/04/04  
(signature)

Typed name THOMAS M EDWARDS

Witness Ann Wassmann Date 06/04/04  
(signature)

Typed name Ann Wassmann

Signed at Owensboro, Ky  
(city, state)

This 1 day of June, 2004.

Gary W Schmitt  
Gary Schmitt

Signed in our presence and acknowledged to be an assignment of the application (invention) herein above referred to.

Witness [Signature] Date 6-1-04  
(signature)

Typed name Tooo Fulkerson

Witness [Signature] Date 6-1-04  
(signature)

Typed name Rebecca Renfrow

Signed at Owensboro, Ky  
(city, state)

This 1 day of June, 2004.

Brian Yeckering  
**Brian Yeckering**

Signed in our presence and acknowledged to be an assignment of the application (invention) herein above referred to.

Witness Rebecca Renfrow Date 6-1-04  
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Typed name Rebecca Renfrow

Witness Bill Glover Date 6-1-04  
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Signed at Owensboro Ky  
(city, state)

This 7 day of June, 2004.

Odie F. Eaves  
**Odie Eaves**

Signed in our presence and acknowledged to be an assignment of the application  
(invention) herein above referred to.

Witness Rebecca Renfrow Date 6-7-04  
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Witness Tracy Butler Date 6/7/04  
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Signed at MUSCATINE IOWA  
(city, state)


This 9 day of JUNE, 2004.

  
**Rick Rimer**

Signed in our presence and acknowledged to be an assignment of the application  
(invention) herein above referred to.

Witness Brenda Christensen Date 6/9/04  
(signature)

Typed name BRENDA CHRISTENSEN

  
Witness JIM KANE Date June 9, 2004  
(signature)

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