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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Donald Richard Sanderson, 7381 Nethersole Drive, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130 invented a certain new and useful CHUTE RETENTION DEVICE (Docket 040158 1387P2) for which I executed an application for letters patent of the United States, on even date herewith;

AND WHEREAS, MTD Products Inc, a corporation of the State of Delaware, with a place of business at 5903 Grafton Road, Valley City, Ohio 44280-9711, hereinafter called the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the inventions therein disclosed and any letters patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and any divisions or continuations thereof, and the inventions therein disclosed, and any improvements thereon, and any patent or patents that may be issued or reissued thereon, and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent thereon, and reissues thereof, to said Assignee, its successors and assigns; and I hereby authorize said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to file in its own name applications for patent in foreign countries in connection with the inventions hereby transferred, under the International Convention, the European Patent Convention and the Patent Cooperation Treaty, claiming the priority of said United States application or otherwise, and to secure in its own name the patent or patents issued thereon; and I hereby agree that, upon request, I will sign all papers, and make all rightful oaths, and do all acts which said Assignee, its successors or assigns, may consider necessary in connection with said United States application, and in connection with any other United States or foreign applications that may be filed in connection with said inventions, and with any improvements thereon, and in connection with any patents issued or reissued thereon.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 10 day of

June, 2004.

  
Donald Richard Sanderson