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A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS, WE, WILLIAM F. LEEK, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 2995 Ribera Road, Carmel, CA 93923, and MICHAEL G. WAGNER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 8205 Deer Springs Way, Las Vegas, NV 89149, have jointly made an invention entitled SPALL REDUCTION SYSTEM, Attorney's Docket No. SST/1248 for which an application for United States Letters Patent was executed on September 3 and 7, 2004, filed on June 18, 2004, and obtained Serial No. 10/871,333.

WHEREAS, SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC., a corporation of California having its principal office at 4120 Dublin Boulevard, Suite 400, Dublin, CA 94568, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in, to and under said invention and the United States Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said WILLIAM F. LEEK and MICHAEL G. WAGNER by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any division, continuation or continuation-in-part, of said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent and reissues and extensions thereof, of the United States of America and countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent in foreign countries in its own name and to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise), which have been or may be granted on any of the foregoing to be held and enjoyed as fully and exclusively as they would have been by us had this assignment and transfer not been made;

WE hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment and sale;

WE do further agree for ourselves and for our heirs, executors and administrators to execute and deliver without further consideration but at the expense of SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC., any further applications, assignments and documents, and to perform such other acts as we lawfully may, that may be deemed necessary by the said SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC., its successors, assigns, and nominees, fully to secure its interests as aforesaid and to obtain or maintain Letters Patent in any and all countries;

And we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent which may be granted upon any of the said applications, to the said SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC., as the assignee of the entire interest therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto signed our names on the day and year set forth below.

SIGNED at LAS VEGAS, NV this 3rd day of Sept 2004.
(city) (state)

WILLIAM F. LEEK
MICHAEL G. WAGNER

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of Nevada

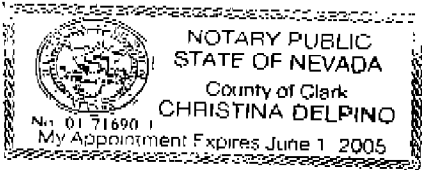
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On September 3rd 2004 before me, personally appeared Michael G. Wagner personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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And we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent which may be granted upon any of the said applications, to the said SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC., as the assignee of the entire interest therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto signed our names on the day and year set forth below.

SIGNED at Carmel California this 7 day of Sept 2004.
(city) (state)

William F Leek
WILLIAM F. LEEK

MICHAEL G. WAGNER
MICHAEL G. WAGNER

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of California

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On Sept 7, 2004 before me, personally appeared William F Leek personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person ~~(s)~~ whose name ~~(s)~~ is ~~are~~ subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that ~~he~~ she ~~they~~ executed the same in ~~his~~ her ~~their~~ authorized capacity ~~(ies)~~, and that by ~~his~~ her ~~their~~ signature ~~(s)~~ on the instrument the person ~~(s)~~ or the entity upon behalf of which the person ~~(s)~~ acted, executed the instrument.

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