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ASSIGNMENT

ASSIGNMENT made by **MICHAEL J. PAUS** ("Assignor") of 501 Ferndale Blvd., High Point, NC 27262 to **THOMASVILLE FURNITURE INDUSTRIES, INC.** ("Assignee") a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware and located and doing business at 401 East Main Street, Thomasville, NC 27401.

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, and in fulfillment of my pre-existing obligation of assignment, Assignor does hereby sell, assign and transfer to Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in a ENDBOARD and the invention therein as set forth in the application for United States Letters Patent therefor, for which I am making or have made application for Letters Patent, and for which I have executed a declaration on the 24th day of April, 2004, and in and to said application and any divisions or continuations thereof, and any Letters Patent, obtained for said invention in the United States and foreign countries, or issuing out of said application or any such division or continuation thereof, and any reissues, reexaminations or extensions of any such Letters Patent.

Further, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized and requested to issue Letters Patent for said invention to Assignee, as owner of the entire right, title and interest therein.

Further, said Assignor hereby covenants that Assignor has full right to convey Assignor's entire right, title and interest in said invention, and that Assignor has not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

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Further, Assignor hereby acknowledges that Assignor's entire beneficial interest in the invention to which the above application relates is irrevocably vested in the Assignee including the right to make applications for protection in all countries abroad and to claim priority under the International Convention for such applications and hereby assents to the making of any such applications, with or without priority claim, and of any divisional application resulting therefrom.

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Further, if this assignment is submitted for recordation at a time other than at the time of filing said patent application, Assignor hereby authorizes the above-mentioned assignee or the attorney of record to insert in this instrument the filing date and serial number of said application after the same shall have been identified by the United States Patent Office:

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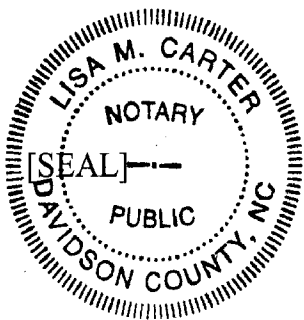
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Signed and sealed this 29th day of April, 2004.

Michael J. Paus
MICHAEL J. PAUS

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On this 29th day of April, 2004, before me personally appeared MICHAEL J. PAUS to me known and known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he/she duly acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



Lisa M. Carter
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 9-30-08