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2. Name and Address of Party(ies) receiving an interest:
Modular Drainage Products & Systems, Inc.
1397 US 2 & 41, Bark River, Michigan 49807
3. Description of interest conveyed: Assignment
4. Patent application number or patent number: 6,698,977 (10/245,026)
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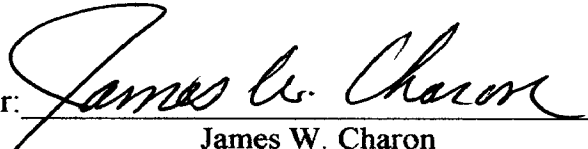
ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, James W. Charon, a citizen of Wisconsin, residing at 700 Waters Edge Road, Racine, Wisconsin 53402 has invented an invention entitled: "Modular Ditch Liners" for which he has made application for Letters Patent of the United States of America; and

Whereas, Modular Drainage Products & Systems, Inc., A corporation of the State of Michigan, residing at 1397 US 2 & 41, Bark River, Michigan 49807, desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, in that Modular Drainage Products & Systems, Inc. has provided resources in ~~order~~ for said invention to be marketed:

Now, therefore, for good and valuable consideration being the payment of one dollar, and the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, James W. Charon by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto said Modular Drainage Products & Systems, Inc., his successors and assigns, all right, title and interest, in the United States of America and all foreign countries, in and to said invention as described in a patent application executed by him on September 16, 2002 concerning subject matter of said invention, and to any improvements on said invention heretofore or hereafter made by him during the pendency of the aforesaid patent application, and any divisions or continuations, which may be filed in the United States of America or foreign, which may be granted on said invention and said improvements to said invention; said patent application having Serial Number 10/245,026 and was filed on September 17, 2002; James W. Charon hereby authorizes the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all Patents on said United States of America applications arising out of said invention and improvements to said invention to said Modular Drainage Products & Systems, Inc. as assignee thereof; and

For said consideration, I, James W. Charon, hereby covenant and agree that I am the owner of the full title herein assigned and have the right to assign the same, and agree that I will communicate to said Modular Drainage Products & Systems, Inc. or his representatives any facts known to us respecting said invention and testify in any legal proceedings relating thereto when called upon, and will sign all instruments and documents and render such assistance which, in the judgement of Modular Drainage Products & Systems, Inc., is necessary to vest and protect the legal title sought to be assigned to him.

Inventor: 
James W. Charon

Date: 5/13/04