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Name: Tacony Corporation
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Street Address: 1760 Gilsinn Lane
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State: Missouri Zip: 63026
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We Douglas L. Blocker of Festus, Missouri and Keith R. Green of Bonneterre, Missouri and Richard J. Reis of St. Peters, Missouri, have invented an improvement in Vacuum Cleaner Height Adjustment Mechanism (File TAC 9775) and have executed an application for a United States patent based thereon simultaneously herewith;

AND, WHEREAS, Tacony Corporation of 1760 Gilsinn Lane, Fenton, Missouri 63026, a corporation of the State of Missouri (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder;

NOW, THEREFORE, for one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, we have agreed to and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto in and to said invention, said United States application, any other United States applications (including provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuing, or reissue applications) based in whole or in part on said United States application or in whole or in part on said invention, any foreign applications based in whole or in part on any of the aforesaid United States applications or in whole or in part on said invention, and any and all patents (including extensions thereof) of any country which have been or

may be granted on any of the aforesaid applications or on said invention or any part thereof;

TO BE HELD AND ENJOYED by said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had no sale and assignment of said interest been made;

AND We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America to issue any and all United States patents which may be granted upon said United States applications or any of them, or upon said invention or any part thereof, to said ASSIGNEE;

AND We hereby jointly and severally agree for ourselves and for our respective heirs, executors and administrators, to execute without further consideration any further lawful documents and any further assurances, and any provisional, non-provisional, divisional, continuing, reissue, or other applications for patents of any country, that may be deemed necessary by said ASSIGNEE fully to secure to said ASSIGNEE its interest as aforesaid in and to said invention or any part thereof, and in and to said several patents or any of them;

AND We hereby jointly and severally covenant for ourselves and our respective legal representatives that we have granted no right or license to make, use or sell said invention, to anyone except said ASSIGNEE, that prior to the execution of this deed our right, title and interest in said invention had not been otherwise encumbered, and that we have not executed and will not execute any instrument in conflict herewith.

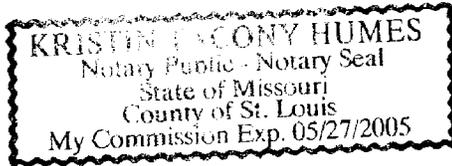
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Date

Richard J. Reis

Richard J. Reis

STATE OF Missouri)
COUNTY OF St. Louis)



On this 14 day of June, 2004, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Richard J. Reis to me known to be the person described, in and who executed, the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal and the date and year last above written.

Kristin E. Cony Humes
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: May 27, 2005