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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENTS

WHEREAS, I, Friedrich von Rohrscheidt, of 7400 Whitepine Road, Richmond, Virginia 23237 (former address: Staudenstrasse 5, 86830 Schwabmünchen, Germany), have invented and own a certain invention entitled:

PUNCH/BINDING MACHINE

for which invention I executed applications for Patents, and for which U.S. Patent 5,827,034 issued on October 27, 1998, and for which U.S. Patent 6,210,092 issued on April 3, 2001; and

WHEREAS, I have invented and own a certain invention entitled

BINDING DEVICE

for which invention I executed an application for patent and for which European Patent No. 0 727 327 was granted on December 1, 1999 (collectively, "Letters Patents").

WHEREAS, General Binding Corporation, of One GBC Plaza, Northbrook, Illinois 60062 (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire domestic and foreign right, title, and interest in and under the invention described in said Letters Patents.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I assign and transfer to the Assignee, and the Assignee's legal representatives, successors and assigns, the full and exclusive rights in and to the invention in the U.S. and every foreign country and the entire right, title, and interest in and to said Letters Patents and other such applications (e.g., continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, reissues and reexaminations) that may be filed in the U.S. and every foreign country, and the Patents or extensions thereof, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue thereon.

UPON SAID CONSIDERATION, I convey to the Assignee the right to make application in its own behalf for protection of the invention in countries foreign to the U.S. and to claim under the International Convention or other international arrangement for any such application the date of the U.S. application (or other application if any there be) to gain priority with respect to other applications.

I DO HEREBY COVENANT and agree with the Assignee that I will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with the terms of this assignment document set forth herein,

