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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Alan M. Schmitz of New Holstein, Wisconsin and Mark E. O'Connell, of Cedar Grove, Wisconsin, have made certain inventions which are described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled ASPIRATOR SIDE BRACKET, executed by us preparatory to obtaining United States Letters Patent therefore, and

WHEREAS, THOMAS INDUSTRIES INC., a Delaware corporation having a place of business at Sheboygan, Wisconsin, (hereinafter called "Company"), is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in said inventions throughout the United States of America and the territories thereof and for all foreign countries,

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Company, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the United States of America and the territories thereof and for all foreign countries, in and to said inventions, the aforesaid application, and all other applications hereafter filed in the United States or any other country based in whole or in part on said inventions, and all Letters Patent granted upon said applications by the United States or any other country, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said Company. We further grant to said Company, its successors and assigns, the right to claim for any of said applications the full benefits and priority rights of any international agreement between the United States and any foreign country or countries.

We hereby warrant that we have the full right to make the conveyance herein, and we hereby covenant that we, our heirs, legal representatives and assigns, will, when requested, communicate to said Company, its representatives, successors and assigns, all facts known respecting said inventions, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue, reexamination and foreign applications together with individual assignments therefore, make all rightful oaths, sign all lawful papers, testify in any legal proceeding and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors and assigns, in the obtaining of Letters Patent.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals at the location and on the date indicated below our signatures.

WITNESSES:

ALAN M. SCHMITZ

Janet Senglaub
[Signature]

Alan M. Schmitz (SEAL)

Dated: 8/16/04

STATE OF WISCONSIN)
) ss.
SHEBOYGAN COUNTY)

Before me on this 16th day of August, 2004, came Alan M. Schmitz, to me known to be the person named in the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged the execution thereof to be his free act and deed.

(SEAL)

Denise L. Mikalowsky
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My Commission: Expires February 3rd, 2008

