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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies) Name: Filtration Group Incorporated Internal Address:

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4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): 1038100. If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: 09/09/04. A. Patent Application No.(s) B. Patent No.(s)

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Philip J. Winters of 621 S. Jefferson Street, Lockport, Illinois 60441, Kevin Hobbs of 8785 East Condor Court, Minooka, Illinois 60447, Michael Corbat of 124 West Douglas Avenue, Suite 1, Naperville, Illinois 60540, and Dean Kerstetter of 260 Dartmouth Way, Windsor, California 95492, hereinafter called the "Assignor", has made new and useful inventions and improvements in

**FORCED AIR SYSTEM AIR FILTER**

for a full description of which reference is hereby made to an application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed on September 9, 2004 by said Assignors and identified as Attorney Docket No. 00985.00.0077;

WHEREAS, Filtration Group Incorporated, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, having a place of business at 912 East Washington Street, Joliet, Illinois 60433, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, to the application above identified, and in, to and under Letters Patent which may be obtained for said invention, and to other applications or patents covering said inventions, as hereinafter more fully set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, be it known that, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by said Assignor, the Assignor has sold, assigned, and transferred, and by these presents does sell,

assign, and transfer unto the said Assignee, the entire right, title and interest for the United States in and to the invention and application hereinabove identified, and any Letters Patent of the United States that may issue for said invention, together with the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and applications for Letters Patent and Letters Patent therefor in all countries foreign to the United States, including the right to claim priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property and other agreements and treaties of like purpose; to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of the said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all of said Letters Patent for said invention may issue.

And the Assignor does hereby covenant and agree, for themselves and their legal representatives, that they will assist their said Assignee in the prosecution of any of the applications herein referred to; in the making and prosecution of any other applications for Letters Patent that the said Assignee may elect to make covering the invention herein referred to, including any divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part application; or any application to reissue any patent referred to herein; in vesting in the said Assignee exclusive title in and to all applications and Letters Patent referred to herein; and in the prosecution of any interference or infringement action which may arise involving said invention or any claim thereto or thereunder, or any application or Letters Patent herein referred to; and they will execute and deliver to the said Assignee any and all

Assignee any and all additional papers which may be requested by said Assignee to vest title in said Assignee in the United States and in countries foreign thereto, and will otherwise fully carry out the terms of this agreement.

And the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue Letters Patent to the said Assignee in accordance with the terms of this assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said Assignor has hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals

Date: 9/9/04

Philip J. Winters

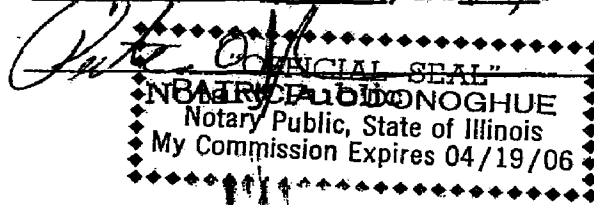
Philip J. Winters

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF Cook ) SS

I, Patricia A. O'Donoghue, a Notary Public in and for the county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Philip J. Winters, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 9th day of September, 2004.

My Commission Expires:



SEAL

Date: 9/9/04

*Kevin Hobbs*

Kevin Hobbs

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF Cook )

SS

I, Patricia O'Donoghue, a Notary Public in and for

the county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Kevin Hobbs ,  
personally known to me to be the same person whose name is  
subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day  
in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the  
said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and  
purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and

Notarial Seal, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004.

*Patricia O'Donoghue*  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:  
PATRICIA O'DONOGHUE  
Notary Public, State of Illinois  
My Commission Expires 04/19/06

SEAL

Date: 9/9/04

Michael Corbat

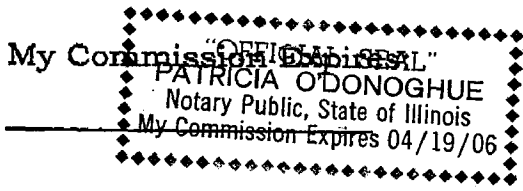
Michael Corbat

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF Cook ) SS

I, Patricia O'Donoghue, a Notary Public in and for the county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Michael Corbat, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 20 04.

Patricia O'Donoghue  
Notary Public



Date: 9/9/04

T. Dean Kerstetter

Dean Kerstetter

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
COUNTY OF Cook ) SS

I, Patricia O'Donoghue, a Notary Public in and for the county and state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Dean Kerstetter, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal, this 9th day of September, 2004.

Patricia O'Donoghue  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:  
OFFICIAL SEAL  
♦ PATRICIA O'DONOGHUE ♦  
♦ Notary Public, State of Illinois ♦  
♦ My Commission Expires 04/19/06 ♦