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## ASSIGNMENT

**WHEREAS, WE,** John J. Andres of 2960 Brogans Bluff, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919; Michael W. Apperson of 90009 Hoey, Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514; Joseph G. DeLuca of 1450 Farnham Pt., #201, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904; Chris R. Gilbert of 7270 Julynn Rd., Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919; Craig Kleinberg of 9940 Bridgeport Dr., Colorado Springs, Colorado 80920; Larry Ratzlaff of 14N 688 Oliver Dr., Elgin, Illinois 60123; Stephen M. Ernst of 207 Elmwood Dr., Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907; John Wurtenberger of 2020 Bluffside Terrace, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80919, respectively, have invented and own a certain invention entitled:

### **COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL FOR INTERCONNECTED HAZARDOUS CONDITION DETECTORS, AND SYSTEM EMPLOYING SAME**

for which invention we have executed an application (provisional or non-provisional) for a United States patent, which was filed on August 11, 2000, under Application No. 09/638,091, and

**WHEREAS,** Walter Kidde Portable Equipment, Inc., a Delaware corporation, of 1394 South Third Street, Mebane, North Carolina 27302 (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 the patent application.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** for good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, we 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 United States and every foreign country and the entire right, title, and interest in and to the patent application and other such applications (e.g., provisional applications, non-provisional applications, continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, reissues, renewals, and extensions) that may be filed in the United States and every foreign country on the invention, and the patents or extensions thereof, both foreign and domestic, that may issue thereon, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue United States patents to the above-mentioned Assignee agreeably with the terms of this assignment document.

**WE HEREBY AUTHORIZE** the Assignee to insert in this assignment document the filing date and serial number of the application if the date and number are unavailable at the time this document is executed.

**UPON SAID CONSIDERATION,** we convey to the Assignee the right to make application in its own behalf for protection of the invention in countries foreign to the United States and to claim under the International Convention and/or other international arrangement for any such application the date of the United States application (or any other application on the invention) to gain priority with respect to other applications.

**WE DO HEREBY COVENANT** and agree with the Assignee that we will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with the terms of this assignment document set forth herein, and that we will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the Assignee, execute such additional assignments and other

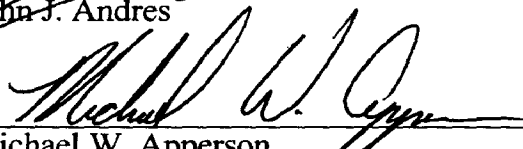
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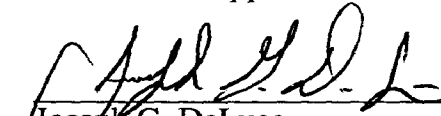
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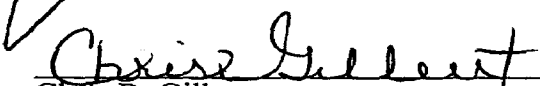
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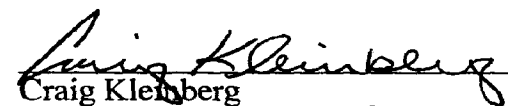
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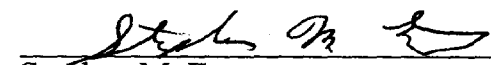
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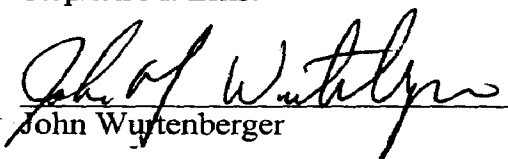
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