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Name: Multimatic, Inc.

Internal Address: 85 Valleywood Drive

Street Address: Town of Markham, Regional

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has/have invented certain new and useful improvements in:

Attorney Docket No. **81097861** entitled: **VEHICLE TAILGATE WITH SUPPLEMENTAL TAILGATE HAVING LOCK ROD SUPPORTS**

for which I/we intend to make application for Letters Patent of the United States listing the following as inventors:

Herbert Gruber; and

WHEREAS, Multimatic Inc., a corporation organized and existing by virtue of the laws of the Province of Ontario, Canada, having its principal place of business at 85 Valleywood Drive, Town of Markham, Regional Municipality of York and Province of Ontario, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to my employment agreement heretofore made with Multimatic, Inc., or by my contractual obligation, I do sell, assign and transfer unto Multimatic, Inc. the full and exclusive right for the United States of America and for all foreign countries to the said invention, as described in the specification executed by me on the date listed below, preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor (and I hereby authorize my attorneys to insert the serial number and filing date herein:

Serial No. _____, Filing Date _____), and I hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to Multimatic, Inc. as the assignee. Executed by:

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