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## ASSIGNMENT OF PATENTS

WHEREAS, I, DAVID L. HOUGHTON, of 6222 Rosemary Drive, Cypress, California, 90630, did obtain the following United States Patents:

1. Patent No. 5,660,017, entitled STEEL MOMENT RESISTING FRAME BEAM-TO-COLUMN CONNECTIONS, issued August 26, 1997;
2. Patent No. 6,138,427, entitled MOMENT RESISTING, BEAM-TO-COLUMN CONNECTION, issued October 31, 2000;
3. Patent No. 6,516,583, entitled GUSSET PLATE CONNECTIONS FOR STRUCTURAL BRACED SYSTEMS, issued February 11, 2003; and
4. Patent No. 6,591,573, entitled GUSSET PLATES CONNECTION OF BEAM TO COLUMNS, ISSUED July 15, 2003.

WHEREAS, I am the sole inventor and sole title holder of said patents; and

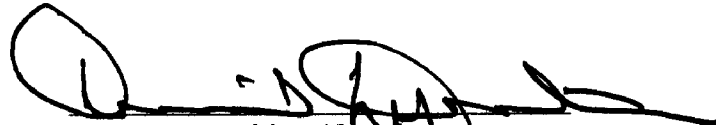
WHEREAS, HOUGHTON & MYERS LLC, a California limited liability company, of Cypress, California, whose mailing address is:

HOUGHTON & MYERS LLC  
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is entitled to the entire right, title and interest in the said patents, for considerations, the receipt and sufficiency thereof being hereby acknowledged, I, DAVID L. HOUGHTON, by these presents do assign and transfer unto the said HOUGHTON & MYERS LLC, the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid patents; the same to be held and enjoyed by the said HOUGHTON & MYERS LLC for its own use and behoof, and for its legal representatives, successors and assigns, to the full end of the terms for which said patents are

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Executed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2004, in Long Beach, California.

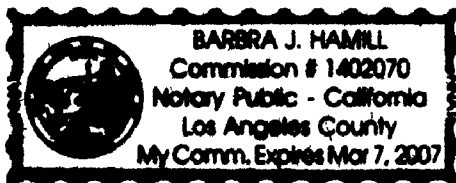
  
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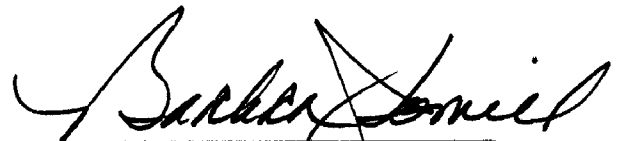
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On this day, before me, a Notary Public for California, personally appeared DAVID L. HOUGHTON, ~~to me known,~~ or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be DAVID L. HOUGHTON, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the foregoing instrument and entered into the representations and obligations therein.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2004.

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