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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

WHEREAS, We, David W. Moine, 2336 Rohrer Street, N.W., North Canton, Ohio 44720; Ronald J. Stephens, 1395 Eastern Road, Rittman, Ohio 44270; William G. Alford, 4605 Frazer Avenue, N.W., Canton, Ohio 44709; and Richard S. Parr, 11163 Pickering Circle, N.W., Uniontown, Ohio 44685 invented certain new and useful improvements in the invention entitled:

HANDLE FOR A PORTABLE CLEANING MACHINE

WHEREAS, THE HOOVER COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, and doing business in North Canton, Ohio, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in said invention and in and to the Letters Patent to be obtained therefore:

NOW THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known, that for and in the consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by each of us, and the obligations imposed by or arising under one or more of our employment agreement(s), advisor agreement(s), state or national statutes, common law, and administrative regulation, and other valuable considerations, we, the said David W. Moine, Ronald J. Stephens, William G. Alford, and Richard S. Parr:

- have sold, assigned and transferred, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto THE HOOVER COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the whole right, title and interest in and to the said invention, and to the above-described application for Letters Patent of the United States and any other foreign, regional or national patent office, as well as any substituted, continuation, continuation-in-part, or divisional application filed thereon and to any Letters Patent of the United States or any other foreign, regional or national patent office that issues from such application(s) as well as any reissue applications or request for reexamination filed on such Letters Patent(s); and we do hereby authorize and request the respective Commissioner of Patents to issue the said Letters Patent to THE HOOVER COMPANY, as assignee of our entire right, title and interest, for the sole use and behoof of THE HOOVER COMPANY, its successors and assigns;
- covenant and agree for ourselves and our legal representative(s) to
 - a) assist said assignee and/or its designee(s), to the extent requested, in the prosecution of said application for patent, in any interference declared on said application for patent or patent issuing therefrom, or in litigation which arises out of or is based on said application for patent or patent issuing therefrom, and
 - b) execute all papers related to said application for patent which said assignee or its designee(s) request to be signed, provided that expenses relating thereto shall be borne by said assignee.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal, this 22 day of October, 2004.

David W. Moine
David W. Moine

STATE OF OHIO)
)SS:
COUNTY OF STARK)

Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, David W. Moine, personally known to me and known to be the person whose name is signed to the above instrument, and acknowledged the above instrument as his free act and deed, this 22 day of Oct, 2004.

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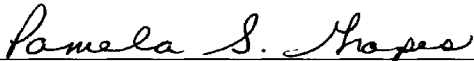
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal, this 21 day of October, 2004



Ronald J. Stephens

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Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Ronald J. Stephens, personally known to me and known to be the person whose name is signed to the above instrument, and acknowledged the above instrument as his free act and deed, this 21 day of Oct, 2004.



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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal, this 22 day of October, 2004.



William G. Alford

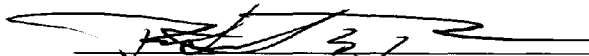
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Richard S. Parr

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Personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, Richard S. Parr, personally known to me and known to be the person whose name is signed to the above instrument, and acknowledged the above instrument as his free act and deed, this _____ day of _____, 2004.



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