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In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned,

Name(s) of Inventor(s) Kevin L. Alexander
Michael C. Rodgers

maker(s) of an invention which is the subject of an application for Letters Patent of the United States ("Application") entitled

Title of Application RATCHETING RETAINING RING

Serial No.: _____
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the undersigned hereby sell(s), assign(s), and set(s) over to

Name of Assignee Illinois Tool Works Inc.

Address of principal place of business 3600 West Lake Avenue
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