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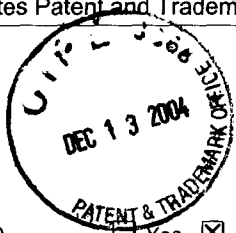


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WHEREAS, the undersigned inventors (hereinafter, "ASSIGNORS") of the addresses indicated below, have invented a "Latching System and Method" for which application for Patent of the United States Patent and Trademark Office was filed on August 9, 2004 and assigned Application No. 10/915,010;

AND WHEREAS, **FPI Fireplace Products International Ltd.** (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), having its principal place of business at 6988 Venture Street, Delta, British Columbia CANADA V4G 1H4, is desirous of memorializing its rights, title and interest therein;

AND WHEREAS, a "formal application," as referred to herein, shall mean any provisional, non-provisional, continuation, continuation in part, divisional, reissue, reexamination, foreign, PCT or other patent application or like document,

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNORS by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right to the aforesaid Invention, including the aforesaid application, to the Invention as described in the aforesaid application or any related priority applications, and to all formal applications which may be filed based in whole or in part on one or more of the aforesaid application, in the United States and all foreign countries, together with the right of priority under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States adheres, and hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letter Patent to ASSIGNEE, for the sole use and benefit of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives,

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AGREEING, FURTHERMORE, upon request of ASSIGNEE, to execute any and all papers desired by ASSIGNEE for the filing, prosecuting and granting of the formal application based on any inventions or improvements therein, and the perfecting of title thereto in ASSIGNEE.

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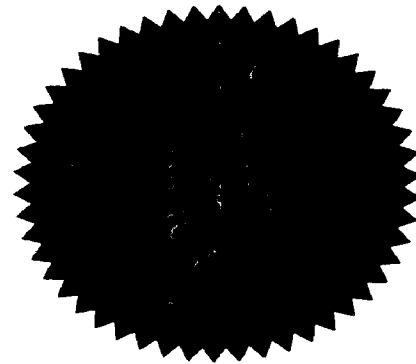
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On this day, DEC. 9, 2004, before me, GAIL MAIDA, NOTARY PUBLIC,
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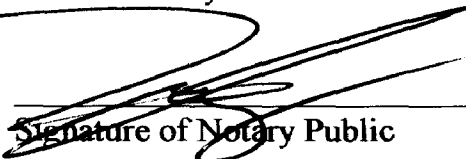
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