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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Terrence M. Rotter of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin; Phillip L. Bettenhausen (deceased) late of Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin by his legal representative Larry W. Bettenhausen, of Ashland, Wisconsin; Theodore E. Wehrman of Sheboygan, Wisconsin; Scott X. Chen of Sheboygan, Wisconsin and Yun Huang of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, have made certain inventions which are described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled **Automatic Compression Release Mechanism Including Feature To Prevent Unintentional Disablement During Engine Shutdown**, which was filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 19, 2004 as U.S. patent application no. 10/921,531 and claims the benefit of U.S. provisional patent application no. 60/496,433 filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 20, 2003 and having the same title, and

WHEREAS, Kohler Co. (hereinafter referred to as said Company), a Wisconsin corporation having a place of business at Kohler, Wisconsin is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in said inventions throughout the United States of America and the territories thereof, for all other countries and under all international agreements,

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hands paid, and other good and valuable consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Company, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest throughout the United States of America and the territories thereof, for all foreign countries and under all international agreements in and to said inventions, the aforesaid applications, all other applications hereafter filed in the United States, in any other country, or under any international agreement based in whole or in part on said inventions, and all Letters Patent granted upon said applications by the United States, by any other country or under any international agreement, and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said Company. We further grant to said Company, its successors and assigns, the right to claim for any of said applications the full benefits and priority rights of any international agreement between the United States and any foreign country or countries or between any other countries.

We hereby warrant that we have the full right to make the conveyance herein, and we hereby covenant that we, our heirs, legal representatives and assigns, will when requested, communicate to said Company, its representatives, successors and assigns, all facts known respecting said inventions, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue, reexamination and foreign or international applications, together with individual assignments therefor, make all rightful oaths, sign all lawful papers, testify in any legal proceeding and generally do everything possible to aid said Company, its successors and assigns, in the obtaining of Letters Patent.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seal at the location and on the date indicated with our signatures.

Date: 1/18/05Terrence M. Rotter
Terrence M. Rotter

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WITNESSES:

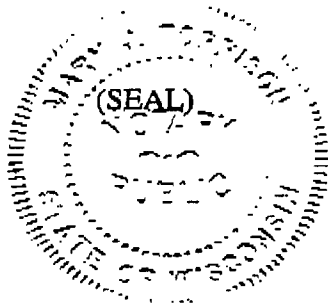
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STATE OF WISCONSIN)

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Before me on this 18 day of January, 2005, came Terrence M. Rotter, to me known to be the person named in the foregoing assignment and he/she acknowledges his/her execution thereof to be his/her free act and deed.



Mary G. Larison
Notary Public,
State of Wisconsin
My Commission: 6-22-08

Date: 1-19-05Larry W. Bettenhausen

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Larry W. Bettenhausen
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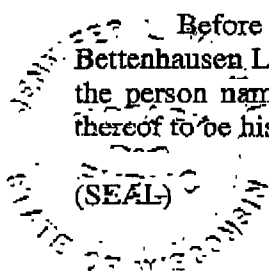
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Before me on this 19th day of January, 2005, came the Larry W. Bettenhausen Legal Representative of Phillip L. Bettenhausen (deceased), to me known to be the person named in the foregoing assignment and he/she acknowledges his/her execution thereof to be his/her free act and deed.



Joseph D. Wenzel
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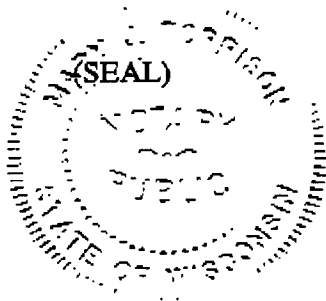
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Before me on this 18 day of January, 2005, came Theodore E. Wehrman to me known to be the person named in the foregoing assignment and he/she acknowledges his/her execution thereof to be his/her free act and deed.



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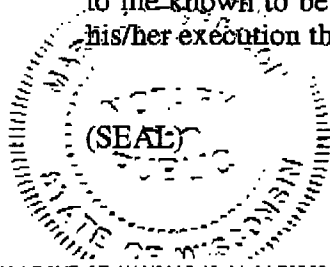
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Mary J. [Signature]
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