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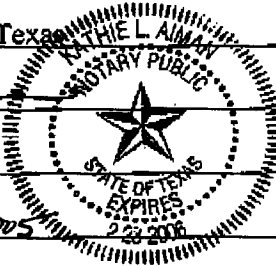
for which I am about to make application for United States Letters Patent; and

WHEREAS, Dorskocil Manufacturing Company, Inc., a corporation of the State of Texas, which has a business address of 4209 Barnett, Arlington, Texas 76017 (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring our entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, and in and to said application and any Letters Patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to said application and all patents which may be granted therefor, and all divisions, reissues, substitutions, continuations, continuations-in-part and extensions thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents for said invention, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as my interests are concerned, to said ASSIGNEE of my entire right, title and interest.

ASSIGNOR also hereby sells and assigns to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives the full and exclusive right, title and interest to the invention disclosed in said application throughout the world, including the right to file applications and obtain patents, utility models, industrial models and designs for said invention in its own name throughout the world including all rights of priority, all rights to publish cautionary notices reserving ownership of said invention and all rights to register said invention in appropriate registries; and I further agree to execute any and all powers of attorney, applications, assignments, declarations, affidavits, and any other papers in connection therewith necessary to perfect such right, title and interest in ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.


ASSIGNOR hereby further agrees that ASSIGNOR will communicate to said ASSIGNEE, or to its successors, assigns and legal representatives, any facts known to me respecting any improvements, and, at the expense of said ASSIGNEE, to testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue and substitute applications, make all lawful oaths, and generally do everything possible to vest title in said ASSIGNEE and to aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

**Name of First Inventor:**Inventor's Name: Melaney NorthropResidence (City, State): Arlington, TexasSignature: Date: 2/16/2005Date Application Executed: 2/16/2005**NOTARIZATION OR LEGALIZATION ACCOMPANYING ASSIGNMENT**

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Before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February 2005, personally appeared the above named individual, to me known to be the person described, and who executed the foregoing assignment instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same of their own free will for the purpose therein expressed.

  
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