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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, John F. Essman of Bryan, County of Williams, and State of Ohio (hereinafter referred to as Assignor), is the owner of new and useful improvements in a QUICK CONNECTING SAFETY COUPLER, for which application Serial No. 11/191,473 has been filed July 28, 2005 for Letters Patent of the United States;

AND WHEREAS, Stephanie C. Essman and Coleen D. Essman Bridges (hereinafter referred to as Assignees) are desirous of acquiring an interest therein and in the Letters Patent to be obtained thereof;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern, that for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and other good and valuable consideration to Assignor in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has assigned, sold and set over, and by these presents does assign, sell and set over unto each of the Assignees, for the territory of the United States of America and the entire world, the undivided one-half (1/2) interest in and to the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention, and said patent application, said invention, application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by the said Assignees as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made. The Assignees shall share equally (a one-half interest) in any royalties produced by the invention, patent application and Letters Patent.

AND the Assignor hereby covenants and agrees that the Assignor will at any time upon the request and at the expense of the Assignees execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title

to said invention and to obtain Letters Patent therefore, and the Assignor hereby authorizes and requests that the Commissioner of Patents issue the said Letters Patent to the said Assignees in accordance with this assignment.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Assignor hereunto sets its hand and affixes its seal, at Bryan, State of Ohio.

9/6/05  
Date

John F. Essman  
John F. Essman

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, on this day personally appeared said John F. Essman, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this the 6th day of September, 2005.

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