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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, We ANN M. BAUMAN residing at 868 N Fox Hill Rd., Flagstaff AZ 86004 USA; STUART E. BROYLES residing at 605 E Ponderosa Pkwy, Flagstaff AZ 86001 USA; JERALD M. CRAWLEY residing at 3185 S. Debble St., Flagstaff AZ 86001 USA; JOHN R. DAUGHERTY residing at 1647 N. Woodhollow Way, Flagstaff AZ 86004 USA; and NORMAN PIH residing at 4022 E. Fallen Oak Way, Flagstaff AZ 86004 USA; citizens of the United States of America, as assignors have made an invention entitled **CIRCULAR STAPLER BUTTRESS**, for which We have executed an application for United States Letters Patent; and

WHEREAS, Gore Enterprise Holdings, Inc., a corporation of Delaware, whose post office address is 551 Paper Mill Road, P.O. Box 9206, Newark, Delaware 19714, as assignee, is desirous of securing the entire right, title, and interest in and to this invention in all countries throughout the world, and in and to the application for United States Letters Patent on this invention and the Letters Patent to be issued upon this application;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that for good and valuable consideration the receipt of which from assignee is hereby acknowledged, We as assignors, have sold, assigned, transferred, and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, our entire rights, titles, and interests in and to this invention and this application, and all divisions, and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon, and all reissues thereof, and all rights to claim priority on the basis of such application, and all applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for this invention in any foreign country and all Letters Patent which may be granted on this invention in any foreign country, and all extensions, renewals, and reissues thereof; and We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States and any official of any foreign country whose duty it is to issue Patents on applications as described above, to issue all Letters Patent for this invention to assignee, its successors and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this Assignment;

AND, We hereby covenant that We have the full right to convey the interest assigned by this Assignment, and We have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict with this Assignment;

AND, We hereby further covenant and agree that We will, without further consideration, communicate with assignee, its successors and assigns, any facts known to us respecting this invention, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers when called upon to do so, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to this invention in said assignee, its successors and assigns, execute all divisional, continuation, and reissue application, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce patent protection for this invention in the United States and any foreign country, it being understood that any expense incident to the testifying and execution of such papers shall be borne by the assignee, its successors and assigns.


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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16 day of September, 2004.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16 day of SEPTEMBER, 2004.

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