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For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we hereby assign, transfer and convey to AUTOMATIC EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURING CO. (ASSIGNEE), a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Nebraska, and having a principal place of business at One Mill Road, Industrial Park, Pender, Nebraska 68047, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to our invention for improvements in BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT FOR A TOW BAR, in and to the design patent application for Letters Patent of the United States therefor executed by us on the 12th day of ~~November~~ ^{December}, 2005 and in and to the Letters Patent to be issued pursuant to said application, and any divisions, continuations, reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent, or similar legal protection which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof or legal equivalent thereof.

We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents or similar legal protection on applications aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent or similar legal protection for said invention to said ASSIGNEE, the same to be held by said ASSIGNEE for its own use and behoof and for the use and behoof of its successors, or assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent or similar legal protection are or may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us had

this assignment and sale not been made.

For said consideration, we hereby agree, upon the request of said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to execute any and all divisional and renewal applications for said invention or improvements and any supplemental oath or declaration relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application that said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives or assigns may deem necessary or expedient, and for said considerations, we further agree, upon the request of said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives or assigns, in the event of said application or any division thereof, or Letters Patent issued thereon, or any reissue or application for the reissue thereof, becoming involved in Interference, to cooperate to the best of our ability with said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives or assigns in the matters of preparing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof. We hereby agree to perform, upon such request, any and all affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by us if this assignment and sale had not been made, and we hereby covenant and warrant that as of the date hereof we are the true and lawful owners of the entire right, title and interest in said invention, application for Letters Patent aforesaid, and the Letters Patent which may issue pursuant thereto, and have the full right and power to convey the same, and that the same is free and clear of all liens, charges and encumbrances whatsoever, and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

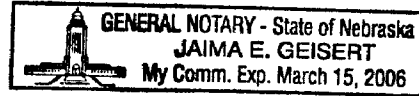
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Merton Hahne
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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On this 12 day of ~~November~~, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared MERTON HAHNE, to me known and known to me to be the person of that name who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

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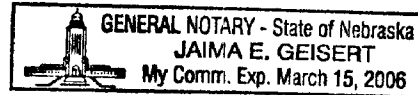
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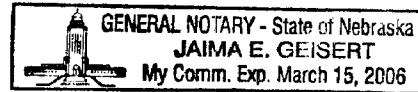
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