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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, Kurt R. Heidmann, residing at 6932 Linden, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49548, and Gordon J. Peterson, residing at 4959 Brookstone Drive, Rockford, Michigan 49341, (hereinafter referred to as Assignor), has invented certain new and useful improvements in SEATING WITH SHAPE-CHANGING BACK SUPPORT FRAME for which an application for United States Letters Patent was executed on February 27, 2006 and bearing Serial No. 11/363,067.

WHEREAS, Steelcase Development Corporation, a corporation of the state of Michigan, having a place of business at 6100 East Paris, Caledonia, Michigan 49316, (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

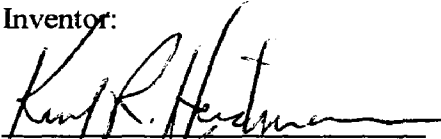
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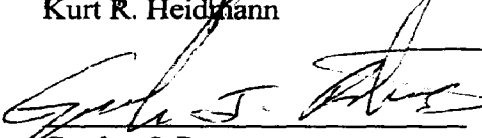
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands on the date appearing next to our signature.

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