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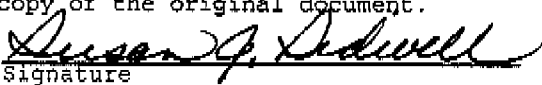
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| <p>5. Name and address of Party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:<br/>Name: Ralph E Smith<br/>Internal: DaimlerChrysler Corporation<br/>Address: CIMS 483-02-19<br/>Street: 800 Chrysler Drive East<br/>Address: Auburn Hills, MI 48326-2757<br/>Phone: (248) 944-6519<br/>FAX: (248) 944-6537</p> | <p>6. Total number of applications and patents involved: <u>1</u></p> <p>7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ <u>40</u><br/>___ Enclosed<br/><u>X</u> Authorized to be charged to deposit account<br/><u>X</u> Authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any over-payment to deposit account</p> <p>8. Deposit Account number: <u>03-1800</u><br/>(Duplicate copy attached)</p> |

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A S S I G N M E N T

We, F Peter Hutchins, Jr. of St. Clair Shores, Macomb County, MI  
Michael S McComas of Metamora, Lapeer County, MI

have invented a new and useful process, machine, manufacture, composition of matter, or an improvement thereof, entitled:

**DEPLOYABLE TAILGATE RAMP**

for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on 6/30/06.

DaimlerChrysler Corporation, a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business at Auburn Hills, Michigan, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in the invention and under the Letters Patent, and similar protection to be obtained, worldwide.

In consideration of the payment by DaimlerChrysler Corporation to us of the sum of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration, receipt being acknowledged, we sell, assign, and transfer unto DaimlerChrysler Corporation, our full and entire right, title, and interest in the invention worldwide and to any provisional application and all Letters Patent or similar legal protection to be obtained for the invention worldwide by the application or any continuation, division, renewal, substitute, re-examination, reissue, or any legal equivalent, for the full term or terms that may be granted.

We authorize our attorneys, authorized to prosecute said application, to insert the filing date and Serial Number of the application, to wit, Serial No., 11/428,172, filed 6/30/2006. We authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue all Letters Patent of the United States to DaimlerChrysler Corporation.

We warrant that we have the right to sell, assign, and transfer our full and entire right, title, and interest in the invention and that no assignment, sale, agreement, or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into that will conflict with this sale, assignment, and transfer.

We further agree to communicate to DaimlerChrysler Corporation or its representatives, any facts known to us respecting the invention, testify in any legal proceedings relating to the invention when called upon, and sign all instruments and documents and render such assistance which, in the judgment of DaimlerChrysler Corporation, is necessary to vest in it and protect the legal right, title, and interest assigned in this Assignment.

This Assignment will be binding on our heirs and legal representatives.

Date 6-30-06  
Witness [Signature]

[Signature]  
F Peter Hutchins, Jr

Date 6-30-06  
Witness [Signature]

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Michael S McComas