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# ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, DANIEL M. GRAY, a citizen of the United States of America, residing in MCKINNEY, TX have made an invention entitled FENCE POST CONNECTION, Attorney's Docket No. SST-1717, and have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States of America based thereon which was filed on MAY 13, 2009 and received Application Serial No. 12/465,451;

WHEREAS, SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC., a corporation of California having its principal office at, 5956 W. Las Positas Boulevard, Pleasanton, California 94588, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in, to and under said invention and the United States Letters Patent to be obtained therefore;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, DANIEL M. GRAY by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any division, continuation or continuation-in-part, of said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent and reissues and extensions thereof, of the United States of America and countries foreign thereto (including the right to apply for Letters Patent in foreign countries in its own name and to claim any priority rights for such foreign applications to which such applications are entitled under international conventions, treaties, or otherwise), which have been or may be granted on any of the foregoing to be held and enjoyed as fully and exclusively as they would have been by me had this assignment and transfer not been made;

I hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment and sale;

I do further agree for myself and for my heirs, executors and administrators to execute and deliver without further consideration but at the expense of SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC., any further

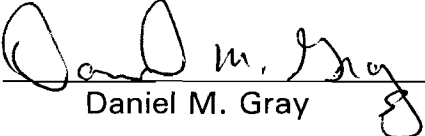
applications, assignments and documents, and to perform such other acts as I lawfully may, that may be deemed necessary by the said SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC., its successors, assigns, and nominees, fully to secure its interests as aforesaid and to obtain or maintain Letters Patent in any and all countries;

And I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent which may be granted upon any of the said applications, to the said SIMPSON STRONG-TIE COMPANY, INC., as the assignee of the entire interest therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name on the day and year set forth below.

Executed at Simpson Strong-Tie Co. Inc. McKinney, Tx.  
(location)

Dated: 9/14/09

Signed   
Daniel M. Gray