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ASSIGNMENT

Pursuant to our obligation to A. O. Smith Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business at:

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and for other valuable and sufficient consideration, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged,
we:

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("Assignors") confirm our obligation to and hereby irrevocably transfer, assign and convey unto Assignee, and its successors and assigns, our entire worldwide right, title, and interest, free and clear of all liens, encumbrances or other obligations:

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(2) in and to the U.S. provisional patent application and all other patent applications now or hereafter filed in the United States of America (including, without limitation, any non-provisional, divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reexamination, and reissue applications) based upon the inventions or claiming the benefit of or priority to the U.S. provisional patent application or any other patent application assigned under this Assignment, including all rights of priority based on such applications and the right to file such applications in the name of the Assignee, and any and all patents granted thereon to the full end of the term or terms for which said patents may be granted;

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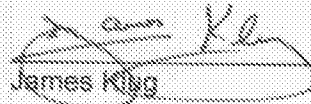
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Assignors hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the appropriate official of any foreign patent or intellectual property

office to issue all patents as shall be granted upon the assigned patent applications to Assignee, its successors, assigns, or legal representatives.

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