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## ASSIGNMENT

**THIS ASSIGNMENT** is made by and between

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(hereinafter referred to as inventor(s)) , and

ITW Fastener Products GmbH having a place of business at Liegnitzer Straße 1, D-58642 Iserlohn, Germany ("ITW Fastener Products GmbH")

individually and collectively as Assignor(s), and

ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., a corporation of the State of Delaware, U.S.A., having a place of business at 155 Harlem Avenue, Glenview, Illinois 60025, USA ("ITW")

as Assignee.

**WHEREAS**, inventor(s) is (are) employed in a technical capacity by ITW Fastener Products GmbH;

**WHEREAS**, ITW Fastener Products GmbH is a division, subsidiary, business unit or other entity of ITW;

**WHEREAS**, inventor(s) has (have) made one or more inventions (as identified below) (hereinafter individually or collectively referred to as "Invention"); and

**WHEREAS**, the parties hereto have at all times desired that ITW shall absolutely hold any and all rights (including, but not limited to, Application rights, Patent Rights, Utility Patent rights, Plant Patent rights, Design Patent rights, Priority rights) in the Invention in accordance with the assignment made herein.

**NOW THEREFORE**, for valuable and sufficient consideration from ITW to Assignor(s), receipt of such consideration being hereby acknowledged and intending to be legally sufficient, I/we hereby sell, assign and convey unto Assignee, its successors and assigns, my/our entire right, title and interest:

(1) in and to the Invention entitled "Distanzmutter (Spacer nut)" for which I/we have executed, a PCT Patent Application and/or United States Patent Application on even date herewith, and, if applicable, which claims the benefit of United States Provisional Application No(s). \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_; or which is the subject of a German Patent Application or a PCT Patent Application having German Patent Application No. 10 2015 101 444.0 or PCT Patent Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ and was filed on February 02, 2015;

(2) in and to an Invention entitled "\_\_\_\_\_" for which I/we previously filed United States Provisional Application No(s). \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_;

(3) in and to said PCT Patent Application, United States Patent Application, United States Provisional Application(s), and/or \_\_\_\_\_ Patent Application, and in and to all other patent applications now or hereafter filed in any country throughout the world claiming priority therefrom, as well as any divisional, continuation, reexamination and reissue applications, and legal equivalents thereof, based upon said forgoing Invention, and in and to any patent or patents granted thereon or issued therefrom, including reissues or the like thereof, if any, to the full end of the term or terms for which said patent or patents may be granted or issued, (if necessary for recordation purposes with any national or foreign

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(4) in and to any and all priority rights, and any other application and patent rights in all of the above mentioned patent applications and patents.

I/we hereby authorize the Assignee and/or its agent or attorney to enter the Application No(s). and filing date(s) of the subject patent application(s) in the spaces provided above once received.

For the avoidance of any doubt, and without restricting the generality of this Assignment, it is confirmed by the Assignor(s) that the Assignee had the right to file the PCT Patent Application, United States Patent Application, United States Provisional Application(s), and/or German Patent Application, and shall have the right to file additional applications for protection of whatever form and in whichever countries it may choose to do so.

I/we agree that the PCT Patent Application, United States Patent Application, United States Provisional Application(s), and/or German Patent Application, and any patent applications of any countries which may be filed under any applicable international treaties and/or conventions based upon said Invention, shall be filed in the name of Assignee with the right to claim priority to the PCT Patent Application, United States Patent Application, United States Provisional Application(s), and/or German Patent Application based upon said Invention.

I/we further agree and authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States and all other appropriate government officials for applicable countries foreign to the United States to issue any and all above-identified patents to Assignee.

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M. Bräutigam  
Name: Martina Bräutigam

February 11, 2015  
Date

**DECLARATION OF WITNESS**

I, Martin Kluge whose post office address is Unke Siedlerstr. 2, 97285 Röttingen  
hereby declare that I was personally present and did see the above named inventor(s), personally known to me to be the  
person(s) named in this Assignment, duly sign and execute the same:

M. Kluge  
(Signature of Witness)

February 11, 2015  
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