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**COMBINED OATH/DECLARATION/
ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION**

WHEREAS: (Name(s) and address(es) of inventor(s):

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(hereinafter referred to as **ASSIGNOR**), have invented and own a certain invention entitled:

(Titel of Invention)

**CLOSURE ELEMENT FOR A BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT, AND BALL-AND-SOCKET JOINT HAVING
A CLOSURE ELEMENT OF THIS KIND**

for which application for Letters Patent of the United States has been executed on even date
herewith

AND WHEREAS: (Name and address of assignee)

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(hereinafter referred to as **ASSIGNEE**), is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under
said invention and the United States Letters Patent to be obtained herefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that in consideration, of the
payment by **ASSIGNEE** to **ASSIGNOR** of the sum of One Dollar (\$ 1.00), the receipt, of which is
hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, **ASSIGNOR** hereby sells,
assigns and transfers to **ASSIGNEE** the full and exclusive right, title and interest to said invention
and all Letters Patent of the United States to be obtained therefore on said application or any
continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue thereof for the full term or terms for which
the same may be granted.

OATH/DECLARATION

The above identified application was made or authorized to be made by me/us, the **ASSIGNOR**.

I/WE, the **ASSIGNOR**, believe that I am/we are the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a
claimed invention in the application. I/We have reviewed and understand the contents of the
application, including the claims, and am/are aware of the duty to disclose, to the United States
Patent and Trademark office, all information that is material to patentability of the invention as
defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I/We, the ASSIGNOR, hereby acknowledge that any wilful false statement made in this declaration is punishable under 18 U.S.C. 1001 by fine or imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, or both.

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with the assignment and sale:

ASSIGNOR further covenants that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and said Letters Patent as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representative any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, have hereunto set hand and seal this day of 27-07-2021

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