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**DECLARATION AND ASSIGNMENT
FOR U.S. UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION**

Attorney Docket No.: 45137-00022

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

This declaration is directed to the application entitled:

TOWBAR WITH A HITCH BALL SYSTEM
(TITLE)

(check only one item below)

attached hereto,

OR

For which U.S. Utility Application No. 16/956,310 filed on June 19, 2020, which is a national phase application of International Patent Application No. PCT/US2018/066787 was filed on December 20, 2018; which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 62/607,967 filed on December 20, 2017; and any subsequent applications filed in connection with the above invention (the "Patent").

The above-identified application was made or authorized to be made by me.

I believe that I am the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the above-identified application.

I hereby acknowledge that any willful 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.

WHEREAS, HORIZON GLOBAL (SOUTH AFRICA) (PTY) LTD, having a place of business at 316B Mundt Street Waltloo, Gauteng, South Africa 0184, hereinafter referred to as "Assignee," is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the Patent;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, all right, title, and interest, in the United States and throughout the world, in, to and under the Patent, improvements and inventions and all patents, patent applications, patent rights, and inventors' certificates thereof, therefor, and therein, including without limitation said application for patent in the United States, all divisions and continuations thereof, all patents which may be granted thereon, all reissues and extensions thereof, all right to

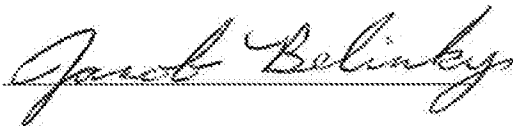
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THIS DECLARATION AND ASSIGNMENT, has been executed below by the undersigned:

Legal Name of Inventor: **Jacob BELINKY**

Signature of Inventor: 

Date: 8/23/2022

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This statement is directed to:			
<input type="checkbox"/> The attached application,			
OR			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> United States application or PCT international application number <u>16/956,310</u> filed on <u>June 19, 2020</u> .			
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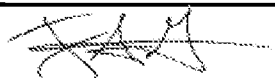
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Date (Optional):

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HORIZON GLOBAL (SOUTH AFRICA) (PTY) LTD

Applicant Name:

Title of Person Executing
This Substitute Statement: **Director**

The signer, whose title is supplied above, is authorized to act on behalf of the applicant.

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Date: 26 Aug 2022

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