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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS I, Philippe STARCK
citizen of France
residing at 27, Rue Pierre Poli, F-92130 Issy-Les-Moulineaux
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have made an invention for which I have executed an applica-
tion for Letters Patent of the United States on 14.04.98.
and entitled SANITARY MIXING VALVE.

WHEREAS Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG
organized and existing under the laws of the Federal Republic
of Germany, and having its principal office for the trans-
action of business at Auestrasse 9, D-77761 Schiltach is
desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in
and to said invention and any improvements thereon, and in
and to the said application for Letters Patent therefore, and
any Letters Patent which may be obtained therefore;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT
KNOWN, that for and in consideration of the equivalent sum of
One Dollar (\$ 1.00), lawful money of the United States, to me
in hand paid by said Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG and other
valuable considerations unto me moving from said Hans Grohe
GmbH & Co. KG at or before the ensealing and delivery of
these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged,
I, the said Philippe STARCK have sold, assigned, transferred
and conveyed, and by these presents, do sell, assign, trans-
fer and convey, unto said Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG its
successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest
in and to the said invention as set forth and described in
the specification forming part of said United States patent
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to any division, continuation or continuation-in-part there-
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AND I, the said, Philippe STARCK
do hereby authorize and request the Commisioner of Patents to issue the said Letter Patent of the United States to Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of said Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG its successors and assigns;

AND I, the said Philippe STARCK
for the consideration aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG its successors and assigns, that we have the full power to make this assignment, and that the rights assigned are not encumbered by any grant, license or right heretofore given, and that we, our executors or administrators, shall and will do all lawful acts and things and make, execute and deliver, without further compensation, any and all other instruments in writing, further applications, papers, affidavits, powers of attorney, assignments and other documents which, in the opinion of counsels for said Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary more effectively to secure to and vest in said Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges and advantages hereby sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed; and that we will

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Assignors authorize assignee's attorneys to insert herein the serial number, filing date, execution date and/or other information necessary or helpful to properly identify the property assigned, and to facilitate recordation of this Assignment:

Serial No. _____, filed _____.

Subscribed and executed at Illig - les Moulins

on 14.04.1998



(Philippe Smeck)

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(Witness)

