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WHEREAS, I, **Edwin A. Bird** of **548 Little River 17, Ashdown** in the State of **Arkansas**, have invented **PIPE COUPLING**, as fully disclosed in an application for Patent so entitled and executed by me on even date herewith preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; and whereas, **M&FC Holding Company, Inc.**, a corporation organized under the Laws of the State of **Delaware** and having its principal office at **1105 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801** desires to acquire the entire interest in and to the subject-matter disclosed in said application and in and to all patents issued or to be issued thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said **M&FC Holding Company, Inc.** my entire right, title and interest in and to the subject-matter disclosed in said application and in and to all Letters Patent Domestic and Foreign issued or to be obtained thereon, including all rights and interests with priority rights under the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the International Patent Cooperative Union, European Patent Convention, Common Market Convention, or any other Convention or Union for each country of said Convention or Union; and I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue the Letters Patent granted on said application and all future patents granted upon the subject-matter disclosed therein to the above named Assignee, its legal representatives and assigns.


Witness my hand this 18th day of June, 1998.



Edwin A. Bird, Inventor

STATE OF Arkansas)
) ss.
COUNTY OF Miller)

On this 18th day of June, 1998, before me personally appeared **Edwin A. Bird**, to me known and known to me to be the **Inventor** aforesaid, who duly acknowledged the signing of the foregoing instrument to be his voluntary act and deed and who executed the same for the uses and purposes therein specified.


Notary Public
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