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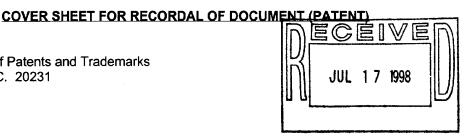
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Sir:



Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 3.31, enclosed herewith is a document for recordal in this case. The following information is provided:

(1) Name(s) Of Party Conveying The Interest:

> Harald Schmidt Hilmar Hester Volker Kaminski

Name And Address Of Party Receiving The Interest: (2)

> Armaturenfabrik Hermann Voss GmbH & Co. Leiersmuhle 206 D-51688 Wipperfurth, Germany

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	[X] Serial Number 09/036,461, filed March 6, 1998.  [] Application being filed concurrently herewith.  [] Patent Number, issued	

(5) Name And Address Of The Party To Whom Correspondence Concerning The Request To Record Should Be Mailed:

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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct, and if the attached is not an original document, the undersigned verifies that it is a true copy of the original.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Date: Jak, 11, 1998

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, the undersigned, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, has invented certain new and useful improvements in

## Screwed Pipe Joint with Cutting Ring for Metal Tubes

for which Assignor has made United States application for patent, attached hereto or filed under Serial No. 09/036,461 , filed March 6, 1998, using U.S. Postal Service Express Mailing Label No. EE297409096US (Assignor hereby authorizes the attorney of record to insert the Serial No. when it becomes available), and

WHEREAS, Armaturenfabrik Hermann Voss GmbH & Co., having a place of business at Leiersmühle 2-6, D-51688 Wipperfürth, Germany, hereinafter referred to as Assignee, is desirous of acquiring an interest therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignor by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee, its successors in interest, the full and exclusive right in the United States of America, including the right to claim priority under the laws of the United States and the Paris Convention, to the said invention as described in the aforesaid application, said application for patent and all Letters Patent therefor to be held and enjoyed by Assignee to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent are granted and any extensions thereof, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made; and Assignor hereby covenants and agrees to execute all instruments or documents required or requested for the making and prosecution of United States applications for patent, for litigation regarding, or for the purpose of protecting title to the said invention, the United States application for patent or Letters Patent therefor for the benefit of Assignee without further or other compensation than that above set forth; and Assignor hereby requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said United States Letters Patent to Assignee.

Harald Schmidt

(First Named Inventor)

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Hilmar Hester

(Second Named Inventor)

Volker Kaminski

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(Third Named Inventor)