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ASSIGNMENT

(for sole inventor)

WHEREAS, Fernando Jorge Mendonça Santos, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, has made a new and useful invention in OPENING AND CLOSING SAFETY DEVICE FOR A PRESSURE COOKER for which Assignor has made or will make application for Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Cruzinox Indústria Metalúrgica, Lda. hereinafter referred to as Assignee, a corporation of Portugal having a principal place of business at Apartado 2, P-3720 Carregosa, Portugal, to acquire all of the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under said invention disclosed, described and claimed or intended so to be in said application, and in, to and under said application, and in, to and under any and all Letters Patent, United States and foreign, which may be obtained therefor and thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good, valuable and sufficient consideration to Assignor in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto Assignee, all of the entire right, title, and interest in, to and under said invention disclosed, described and claimed or intended so to be in said application, and in, to and under said application, and any and all other applications thereon and arising therefrom, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and any and all patents to be issued and obtained therefor and thereon, United States and foreign, including all reissues and extensions thereof.

Assignor agrees to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference which may be declared or litigation concerning the application or continuation, division, reissue or reexamination thereof, and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference or litigation.

Assignor agrees to execute all papers and documents and perform any act which may be necessary in connection with claims or provisions of the International Convention for Protection of Industrial Property or similar agreements.

Assignor agrees to sign and execute any and all other papers necessary or desirable for the procurement of Letters Patent on said invention in this and all foreign countries for the use of Assignee.

Assignor agrees to do all other acts which, in the opinion of Assignee, may be necessary or desirable to secure the grant of Letters Patent to Assignee or its nominees, in the United States and in all other countries where Assignee may desire to have such inventions, or any of them, patented, with specifications and claims in such form as shall be approved by Assignee and to vest and confirm in Assignee or its nominees the full and complete legal and equitable title to all such Letters Patent.

Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States resulting from said application or any divisions or continuing or reissue applications thereof, and any reexamination of any of such applications, to the said Assignee.

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as Assignee of the entire interest, and hereby covenants that the undersigned has full right to convey the interest herein assigned, and that the undersigned has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement to conflict herewith.

Assignor hereby grants the attorney of record the power to insert on this Assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for the recordation of this document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this Assignment at Carregosa this 3rd of December, 1998.

Fernando Jorge de Mendonça Santos
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