

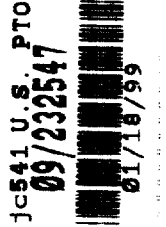
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Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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 Of Party Conveying The Interest:**

William L. Hillis

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

Lincoln Brass Works, Inc.
1100 Kermit Drive, Suite 202
Nashville, TN 37217

(3) **Description Of The Transaction To Be Recorded:**

Assignments License
 Change of Name Other _____

(4) **Application(s) and/or Patent(s) Against Which Enclosure Is To Be Recorded:**

Serial Number _____, filed _____
 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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(6) **Number Of Applications and/or Patents Identified In The Cover Sheet And Total Recordal Fee:**

Number of Applications/Patents One (1)

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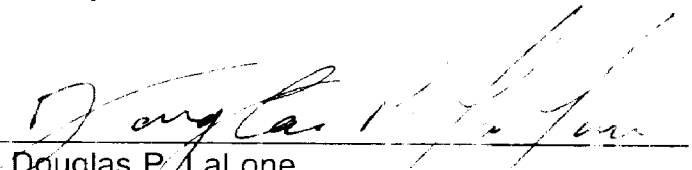
(7) **Date(s) The Document Was Executed:** January 15, 1999

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.

If, for some reason, Applicant(s) has/have not paid a sufficient fee, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any further fees which may be due. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

By:



Douglas P. LaLone
Reg. No. 37,167
Attorney for Applicant(s)

Date

1/10/99

ASSIGNMENT BY SINGLE INVENTOR

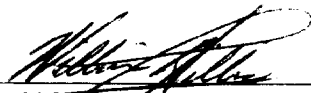
WHEREAS, the undersigned, hereinafter referred to as Assignor, has invented certain new and useful improvements in:

STAKED DUAL VALVE ASSEMBLY

for which Assignor is about to make United States application for patent; and

WHEREAS, LINCOLN BRASS WORKS, INC. a Michigan corporation, having a place of business at 1100 Kermit Drive, Suite 202, Nashville, Tennessee 37217, 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(s), its successors in interest, the full and exclusive right in the United States of America and all foreign countries, 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 specification executed by Assignor of even date preparatory to filing a United States application for patent therefor, said invention and all United States applications for patent and all Letters Patent therefor to be held and enjoyed by Assignee(s) 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 applications for patent in the United States and in all foreign countries, 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(s) without further or other compensation than that above set forth; and Assignor hereby requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States of America to Assignee(s).



WILLIAM L. HILLIS

State of Tennessee)
County of Wayne)

ss.

On this 15th day of January, 1999, before me personally appeared the foregoing individual, who executed the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purpose therein set forth.



Notary Public,

(seal)

Wayne County, State of Tennessee

My Commission Expires: Apr. 24, 2001

This document must be executed before a notary the same day as the application.