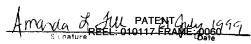
| FORM PTO-1595 | REC(| 7-28-1999 | S DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Patent and Trademark Office |
|--|--|--|--|
| 1-31-92 | REG. | | ratent and trademark Office |
| To the honorable | | 101101878 | ents or copy thereof. |
| Name of conveying party(ies): David Gayland Surridge Bengt Ake Nestell | | Name and address of receiving party(ies): Name: Deere & Company | |
| | MRD 1-26-99 | One Joh | Department nn Deere Place IL 61265 |
| Additional name(s) | of conveying party(ies) attached? □ Yes ⊠ No | Street Address: One Joh | nn Deere Place |
| 3. Nature of Conveyance: | | City: Moline State: Illinois | |
| ■ Assignment □ Merger | | City. Indinite State. Infilials | 5 Zip. 01200 |
| □ Security Ag | reement Change of Name | | |
| Other | 28 June 1999 & 12 July 1999 | | |
| Execution Date: | 20 dano 1000 di 12 dany 1000 | Additional name(s) & address(es) | attached □ Yes ⊠ No |
| A A - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B - B | ber(s) or patent number(s): 29/105,315 | The decidence of the de | |
| | | | |
| If this document is | being filed together with a new application, the ex | ecution date of the application is: | |
| A. Pater | nt Application No(s) | B. Patent No(s). | |
| | | | |
| | Additional numbers a | ittached? □ Yes ⊠ No | |
| Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: | | Total number of applications and patents involved: 1 | |
| Name: | Michael C. Hlavaty | | |
| Internal Address: | Patent Department One John Deere Place Moline, IL 61265 | 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) | \$40.00 |
| | monile, it 01203 | □ Enclosed | |
| Street Address: | Patent Department One John Deere Place | Authorized to be ch ■ Authorize | narged to deposit account |
| city: Moline State: Illinois Zip: 61265 | | Deposit account number: 04-0 | 0525 |
| | | (Attach duplicate copy of this page | e if paying by deposit account) |
| | DO NOT U | SE THIS SPACE | |
| Statement and s | signature | | |
| | best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing inf | ormation is true and correct and any a | ttached copylis a true |
| Mich | the original document. nael C. Hlavaty e of Person Signing Total number of pages comprising cov | gnature er sheet, attachments and document: 2 | 21 14 1595 Date |
| | Mail documents to be recorded with Cemmissioner of Patents & Ti | required cover sheet information to: | |

Washington, DC 20231

(01 75:58) 40.00 PH

07/27/1999 MTHAI1 00000369 040525 29105315 thereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on 21 July 1994

Deere & Company



ASSIGNMENT

The below named inventor(s) own(s) the entire right title and interest to the invention ("the Invention") which is the subject of a United States patent application ("the Application") entitled:

OUTER SURFACE OF A FUEL TANK

which was filed 21 May 1999, assigned serial number 29/105,315 and which each inventor has executed on the date indicated below next to each inventor's name.

Pursuant to an agreement between each inventor and Deere & Company, a Delaware corporation having its principal office at Moline, Illinois, as well as other good and valuable considerations paid to each inventor, each inventor agrees to assign, and hereby does assign to Deere & Company the entire right, title and interest which said inventor has or may have to the Invention.

The assigned rights include all rights to file US and foreign patent applications for the Invention described in the name of each inventor or Deere & Company, as well as any right of priority to any letters patent of the United States or any other country that may be granted for the Invention, and any continuations, divisions or extensions thereof. These assigned rights are to be held and enjoyed by Deere & Company, its successors or assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by each inventor had this assignment not been

Each inventor agrees to execute all papers which Deere & Company, its successors or assigns deem expedient in connection with the Application and any continuing, divisional, reissue, reexamination or foreign applications concerning the Invention, and to cooperate with Deere & Company, its successors or assigns in every proper way possible to obtain patent(s) based on the Application and any continuing, divisional, reissue, reexamination or foreign applications concerning the Invention.

Each inventor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any letters patent based on the assigned rights to Deere & Company.

| In witness whereof, each inventor has s | signed below: |
|---|--|
| David Gayland Surridge | Date signed application 28 July 99 of Garner, North Carolina |
| State of NORTH CAROLINA)) Word Of Agree the this day | T. 108. |
| | of, 1999. |
| *** | Para Breatise |
| PUBLIC | Notary Public |
| COUNTY INTERNATION | |
| RANG | Date signed application 7/12/99 |
| Bengt Ake Nestell | of Pottstown, Pennsylvania |
| MARILYN O.F. CASSIDY | 051/ |
| SNGTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JER County of No: 2226615 | SEY |
| My Commission Expires June 15 | 1999. |
| | Marily Of Casade |
| SEAL | Notary Public |

PATENT REEL: 010117 FRAME: 0061