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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, CHARLES C. PARTRIDGE (hereinafter referred to as assignor), have invented and own a certain invention entitled **COMPACT EXPANDING GATE VALVE** for which PROVISIONAL APPLICATION for Letters Patent of the United States is being filed herewith; and

WHEREAS, DANIEL VALVE COMPANY, INC., a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Texas, (hereinafter referred to as assignee) is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in, to and under said invention and to any United States Letters Patent and any foreign patent of any country in the world which may be obtained for the subject matter of such PROVISIONAL APPLICATION;

NOW, THEREFORE, to whom it may concern: Be it known that in consideration of the payment by assignee to assignors of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration, assignor hereby sells, assigns and transfers to assignee the full and exclusive right, title and interest to the said invention and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries of the world to be obtained therefor on the subject matter of said provisional application or any new, continuation, division, renewal, substitute or reissue corresponding thereto for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted.

Assignor hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment and sale;

Assignor further covenants that assignee will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said provisional application, said invention and said Letters Patent as may be known and accessible to assignors and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to assignee or its legal representatives any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes hereof.

Executed this 24 day of Sept. , 1999.

CHARLES C. PARTRIDGE

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared CHARLES C. PARTRIDGE known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of office this 24 day of <u>september</u>, 1999.

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