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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

WHEREAS, I, as a below named inventor, residing at the address stated next to my name, am a sole or joint inventor as indicated below, of certain new and useful improvements in STERILIZER VALVE.

AND WHEREAS, Barnstead/Thermolyne Corporation, a Delaware corporation with offices at 2555 Kerper Boulevard, Dubuque, Iowa 52001 (hereinafter referenced as ASSIGNEE) is desirous of acquiring all interest in, to and under said invention, said application disclosing the invention and in, to and under any Letters Patent or similar legal protection which may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I, as a sole or joint inventor as indicated below, by these presents do hereby assign, sell and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest in the said invention, said application, including any divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States, and countries foreign thereto, which may be granted for said invention, and in and to any and all priority rights and/or convention rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States of America adheres, and to any other benefits accruing or to accrue to me with respect to the filing of applications for patents or securing of patents in the United States and countries foreign thereto, and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue the said United States Letters Patent to said ASSIGNEE, as the assignees of the whole right, title and interest thereto.

And I further agree to execute all necessary or desirable and lawful future documents, including assignments in favor of ASSIGNEE or its designee, as ASSIGNEE or its successors, assigns and legal representatives may from time-to-time present to me and without further remuneration, in order to perfect title in said invention, modifications, and improvements in said invention, applications and Letters Patent of the United States and countries foreign thereto.

And I further agree to properly execute and deliver and without further remuneration, such necessary or desirable and lawful papers for application for foreign patents, for filing subdivisions of said application for patent, and or, for obtaining any reissue or reissues of any Letters Patent which may be granted for my aforesaid invention, as the ASSIGNEE thereof shall hereafter require and prepare at its own expense.

And I further agree that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents in foreign countries as may be known and accessible to me and will testify as to the same in any interference or litigation related thereto.

And I hereby covenant that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with the assignment and sale.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1999.

James R. Edwards  
James R. Edwards

STATE OF Iowa:

ss.

COUNTY OF Dubuque:

Before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1999, personally appeared James R. Edwards, a citizen of U.S.A. residing in Dubuque, Iowa 52001 and particularly at 390 Hill Street, known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the purposes therein contained.



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Patricia K. Brandel  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 3/6/2002

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1999.

Francis J. Lahey  
Francis J. Lahey

STATE OF Iowa:

ss.

COUNTY OF Dubuque:

Before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1999, personally appeared Francis J. Lahey, a citizen of U.S.A. residing in Durango, Iowa 52039 and particularly at 186 Durango Road, known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the purposes therein contained.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1999.

Kerry W. Leppert  
Kerry W. Leppert

STATE OF Iowa :

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Before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1999, personally appeared Kerry W. Leppert, a citizen of U.S.A. residing in Dubuque, Iowa 52001 and particularly at 3015 Shiras Avenue (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the purposes therein contained.



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