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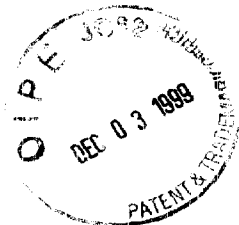
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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Richard Joseph Gradle



2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Edward Vogt Valve Company
1900 South Saunders Street
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Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

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ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by me, Richard Joseph Gradle, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 1301 Edgebrook Drive, Garner, County of Wake, State of North Carolina 27529,

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, I am the sole inventor of certain new and useful improvements in ADJUSTABLE QUICK CLOSING DISK CHECK VALVE WITH FLOW INDICATOR for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. I hereby authorize and request my attorney, (Myers Bigel Sibley & Sajovec, to insert here in parentheses (Application No. 09/404,680, filed September 23, 1999) the filing date and application number of said application when known; and

WHEREAS, Edward Vogt Valve Company., a Delaware corporation having a principal place of business at 1900 South Saunders Street, County of Wake, State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention as described in said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors, and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me if this assignment and sale had not been made.

I hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

I further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, I possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that I have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

I further covenant and agree to bind my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns promptly to communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to me relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the assignee, its representatives, successors or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the assignee complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 19th day of November, 1999

Richard J. Gradle (SEAL)
RICHARD JOSEPH GRADLE

STATE OF NC)
) ss:
COUNTY OF WAKE)

Before me personally appeared Richard Gradle, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and (s)he acknowledged to me that (s)he executed the same for the purpose therein stated, this 19th day of November, 1999.

Sandra S. Nelson
Notary Public

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My Commission Expires: December 19, 2000