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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, we, THOMAS LUFT of Lammstrasse 21, 76474 AU AM RHEIN GERMANY and MICHAEL HUCK of Buchelbachstrasse 76, 77830 BUHLERTAL, GERMANY, have invented an ARRANGEMENT FOR CONNECTING TWO TUBULAR ELEMENTS for which we have executed application for United States Letters Patent under even date herewith; and


WHEREAS, AEROQUIP-VICKERSINTERNATIONAL GMBH, of Dr.-Reckeweg-Strasse 1, 76532 Baden-Baden, GERMANY, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in and to said invention and any Letters Patent to issue therefor;

NOW THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable considerations to us in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, we, THOMAS LUFT and MICHAEL HUCK, do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the said, AEROQUIP-VICKERS INTERNATIONAL GMBH, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and invention in the United States and all countries foreign thereto, including the right of priority under the International Convention of 1883 and later modifications thereof, and to any Letters Patent to issue therefor, and we hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue to said company any Letters Patent thereon, in accordance with the terms of this assignment.

We agree to execute any and all documents required by said company, its successors or assigns, for the prosecution of said application, or of any division, continuation, reissue, or reexamination thereof, or for securing foreign patents

covering said invention, and also any documents required by it, its successors or assigns, to more fully vest in it or them title to said invention, or to any application or patent that may be filed therefor or secured thereon.

Witnessed:



THOMAS LUFT

12-3-1999

(Date)

(printed name)



MICHAEL HUCK

06.12.1999

(Date)

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