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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we **WINTON CHARLES TUCK**, and **BRETT JOHN HUDDART** of **37 Second Avenue, Kingsland, Auckland, New Zealand**, and **26 Pine Street, Balmoral, Auckland, New Zealand**, respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in **A CONNECTOR** for which we have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on the 4 day of November, 1999; and

WHEREAS, **FISHER & PAYKEL LIMITED** a corporation organized and existing under the laws of **NEW ZEALAND** having its principal place of business at **78 Springs Road, East Tamaki, Auckland, New Zealand** (hereinafter referred to as "**ASSIGNEE**"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application, and in, to and under all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries that may be granted 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 good and valuable consideration to us and each of us in hand paid by said ASSIGNEE, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, said **WINTON CHARLES TUCK**, and **BRETT JOHN HUDDART** have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to and unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, for, within and throughout the United States and the territories thereof, and all foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, and in, to and under said application, and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries (including all priority rights that we may have or acquire under any International Convention or treaty) that may be granted for said invention and improvements, including divisions, reissues, subdivisions, continuations and prolongations of such applications and Letters Patent, to have and to hold for the sole and exclusive use and benefit of said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all of said Letters Patents for said invention may issue.

We do hereby covenant and agree, for ourselves, our heirs and our legal representatives, that we will assist said ASSIGNEE in the prosecution of the application herein identified; in the making and prosecution of any other applications for Letters Patent that said ASSIGNEE may elect to make covering the invention herein identified, as hereinbefore set forth; in vesting in said ASSIGNEE like exclusive title in and to all such other applications and Letters Patent; and in the prosecution of any interference which may arise involving said invention, or any application or Letters Patent herein contemplated; and that we will execute and deliver to said ASSIGNEE any and all additional papers that may be requested by said ASSIGNEE to fully carry out the terms of this assignment.

We do hereby authorize and request our attorneys, Trexler, Bushnell, Giangiorgi & Blackstone, Ltd., of 105 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603, to insert here in parentheses (Serial No. 09/41,618 filed 10/1/99) the date and serial number of said application when officially known.

And we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue all Letters Patent of the United States that may be granted pursuant to the application aforesaid, or for said invention, to said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, in accordance with this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this 4 day of 11, 1999.



WINTON CHARLES TUCK



BRETT JOHN HUDDART

Witness

