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09/380,148

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Michael Charles Christmas, am sole inventor of A CHAIN, PCT Application No. PCT/GB98/00557, application for United States Letters Patent filed on August 25, 1999, the serial number of which shall be filled in by the attorney of record when it becomes available as follows: 09/380,148 ; and

WHEREAS, Renold PLC is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention throughout the world, and all right, title and interest in, to and under any and all Letters Patent of the United States and all other countries throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid by Renold PLC and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to Renold PLC, all right, title and interest in and to the said invention throughout the world, and said application for U.S. Letters Patent, and any and all divisions, continuations, reexaminations and reissues thereof, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be granted therefor, the same to be held and enjoyed by Renold PLC for its own use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, to the end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent of the United States or foreign countries are or may be granted, reexamined or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me if this assignment and sale had not been made.

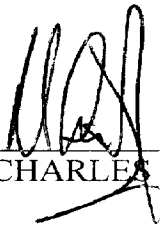
And I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States on said invention or resulting from said application and from any and all divisions, continuations, and reissues thereof, to Renold PLC, as assignee of my entire interest, and hereby covenant that I have the full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

And I further hereby covenant and agree that I will, at any time, upon request, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title of said invention and to such Letters Patent as may be granted therefor, to Renold PLC, its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives and that if Renold PLC, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives shall desire to file any divisional or continuation applications or to secure a reexamination or reissue of such Letters Patent, or to file a disclaimer relating thereto, will upon request, sign all papers, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts requisite for the filing of such divisional or continuation application, or such application for reissue and the procuring thereof, and for the filing of such disclaimer, without further compensation but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, or other legal representatives.

And I do further covenant and agree that I will, at any time upon request, communicate to Renold PLC, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, such facts relating to said invention and Letters Patent or the file history thereof as may be known to me, and testify as to the

same in any interference or other litigation when requested so to do, without further compensation but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, or other legal representatives.

EXECUTED THIS 17 day of Sept., 1999.

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MICHAEL CHARLES CHRISTMAS

MICHAEL CHARLES CHRISTMAS signed this Assignment of his rights in my presence.

Witnessed by J. Wright

MR J. WRIGHT.  
(printed name)

Witnessed by D. R. Goode

D.R. GOODE  
(printed name)