

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, John H. Beard of 1319 E. 45th St. #C8 Kearney, Nebraska 68847, and Michael J. Rodebush of 744 North Colorado Ave, Minden, NE 68959, own a certain invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FILTERING IMPURITIES OUT OF FLUID

for which we have executed an application for a United States patent, which was filed on January 19, 2000, under Serial No. 09/487,126, and

WHEREAS, Baldwin Filters, of 4400 East Highway 30, P.O. Box 6010, Kearney, Nebraska 68848-6010 (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire domestic and foreign right, title, and interest in and under the invention described in the patent application.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable considerations, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, we assign and transfer to the Assignee and the Assignee's legal representatives, successors and assigns the full and exclusive rights in and to the invention in the United States and every foreign country and the entire right, title, and interest in and to the applications for Letters Patent and other such applications (e.g., continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals and reissues) that may be filed in the United States and every foreign country, and the Letters Patents or extensions thereof, both foreign and domestic, that may or shall issue thereon; and we do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the Letters Patent in the United States to the above-mentioned Assignee agreeably with the terms of this assignment document.

WE HEREBY AUTHORIZE the Assignee to insert in this assignment document the filing date and serial number of the application if the date and number are unavailable at the time this document is executed.

UPON SAID CONSIDERATION, we convey to the Assignee the right to make application in its own behalf for protection of the invention in countries foreign to the United States and to claim under the International Convention or other international arrangement for any such application the date of the United States application (or other application if any there be) to gain priority with respect to other applications.

WE DO HEREBY COVENANT AND AGREE with the Assignee that we will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with the terms of this assignment document set forth herein, and that we will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the Assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as the Assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the Assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, divisional, continuation, renewal, reissued, or extended Letters Patent of the United States or of any and all foreign countries on the invention, and in

