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ASSIGNMENT

For valuable consideration, we, TIMOTHY P. HORNE of Andover, MA, DALE S. TRIPP of No. Andover, MA, hereby assign to WATTS INVESTMENT COMPANY, a Delaware corporation having a place of business at:

715 King Street, Suite 310  
Wilmington, DE 19801-3503

and its successors and assigns (collectively hereinafter called "the Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in the inventions and improvements which are subject of an application for United States Patent signed by us this day, entitled BACKFLOW PREVENTER ASSEMBLY, filed December 15, 1999, and assigned U.S. Serial Number 09/461,928, and we authorize and request the attorneys appointed in said application to hereafter complete this assignment by inserting above the filing date and serial number of said application when known; this assignment including said application, any and all United States and foreign patents, utility models, and design registrations granted for any of said inventions or improvements, and the right to claim priority based on the filing date of said application under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the European Patent Convention, and all other treaties of like purposes; and we authorize the Assignee to apply in all countries in our name or in its own name for patents, utility models, design registrations and like rights of exclusion and for inventors' certificates for said inventions and improvements; and we agree for ourselves and our respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns, without further compensation to perform such lawful acts and to sign such further applications, assignments, Preliminary Statements and other lawful documents as the Assignee may reasonably request to effectuate fully this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at \_\_\_\_\_,  
this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000  
Timothy P. Horne L.S.  
TIMOTHY P. HORNE

State of MASSACHUSETTS :

: ss.

County of ESSEX :

Before me this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000, personally  
appeared TIMOTHY P. HORNE known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the  
foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for  
the purposes therein contained.

Bonnie C. Glazier  
Notary Public Bonnie C. GLAZIER  
My Commission Expires: FEBRUARY 17, 2000

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at \_\_\_\_\_,  
this 17th day of February, 2000  
Dale S. Tripp L.S.  
MR. DALE S. TRIPP

State of MASSACHUSETTS :  
: SS.  
County of ESSEX :

Before me this 14th day of February, 2000, personally  
appeared MR. DALE S. TRIPP known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the  
foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for  
the purposes therein contained.

Bonnie C. Glazier  
Notary Public Bonnie C. GLAZIER  
My Commission Expires: FEBRUARY 17, 2000

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