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## **ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, Barry Neild Jackson , a citizen of the United Kingdom,  
residing at 3195 Canterbury Circle, Woodbury, Minnesota 55125, made an  
invention disclosed and claimed in an Application for United States Letters Patent  
Serial No. 09/211,218, and

WHEREAS, Gary W. Gauer , a citizen of the United States, residing at  
8758 Indian Blvd., Cottage Grove, Mn 55016, made an invention disclosed and  
claimed in an Application for United States Letters Patent Serial No. 09/211,218  
and,

WHEREAS, Ronald Iannelli , a citizen of the United States, residing at  
2716 River Woods Ln, Burnsville, MN 55337, made an invention disclosed and  
claimed in an Application for United States Letters Serial No. 09/211,218 and  
entitled:

### **ATTACHMENT STRUCTURE FOR VESSEL FITTING**

WHEREAS, Water Heater Innovations, a corporation organized and  
existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota and having a  
principal place of business located at 3107 Sibley Memorial Highway, Eagan, MN  
55121, is desirous of acquiring an interest in and to said invention, and in and to  
the Letters Patent that may be issued thereon;

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Known, that for good and valuable  
consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the undersigned,

the entire right, title, and interest of said in and to said application for United States Letters Patent, and the Invention disclosed and claimed therein, the resultant patent or patents for said invention and any renewals, reissues, patents resulting from reexamination, extensions, substitutions, and continuations or divisions thereof, including all foreign rights thereunder, as fully set forth and described in the specification of said application for Letters Patent, is hereby sold, assigned and transferred unto said Water Heater Innovations.

The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized and requested to issue said Letters Patent in accordance with this Assignment.

Date: 2-7-2000 Signature Barry N. Jackson  
Barry Neild Jackson

Signed at WHL, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2000.

STATE OF Minnesota )  
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Subscribed and sworn before me this  
7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000.  
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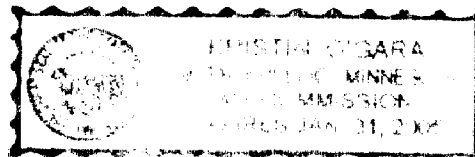
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