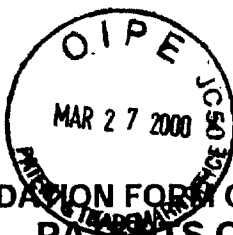


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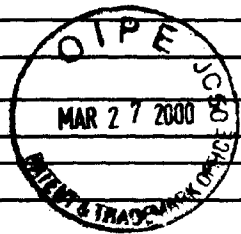
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WHEREAS, David J. Kolacz, of Plymouth, Indiana; Ross Mack, of Valparaiso, Indiana; Robert W. Steingass, of Valparaiso, Indiana; and Brian M. Tylish, of Valparaiso, Indiana, (hereinafter "ASSIGNORS"), have invented a PIVOT FLUID CONDUIT JOINT AND ONE-WAY BRAKE, for which application is being made for Letters Patent in the United States, Application No. 09/516,076, filed March 1, 2000 and

WHEREAS, Task Force Tips, Inc. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Indiana, and having its principal office in Valparaiso, Indiana, is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which by ASSIGNORS from ASSIGNEE is hereby acknowledged, said ASSIGNORS by these presents do hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto ASSIGNEE the full and exclusive right, title, and interest for the territory of the United States of America, its territories and possessions, and for all foreign countries, in and to the invention as described in the above application and in and to the patent application. The invention, application, and Letters Patent are to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE for its own use, and by its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by ASSIGNORS had this Assignment and sale not been made.

ASSIGNORS do further hereby agree to provide all reasonable aid to ASSIGNEE in the making and prosecuting of any application for other Letters Patent that ASSIGNEE may wish to make covering the invention claimed in the application and in vesting in ASSIGNEE like exclusive right, title, and interest in and to all such other applications and resulting Letters Patent in similar proportion. ASSIGNORS hereby agree that ASSIGNORS will similarly aid ASSIGNEE in the prosecution of any interference that may arise involving any application for Letters Patent herein contemplated and that

ASSIGNORS will execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE any and all additional papers that may be reasonably requested by ASSIGNEE to fully carry out the terms of this Assignment.

ASSIGNORS hereby authorize the ASSIGNEE or the attorney of record in the application to insert below the filing date and serial number of the application when that information is known:

Serial No.: 09/516,076

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Executed this 20 day of March, 2000.

ASSIGNOR:

David J. Kolacz (SEAL)  
David J. Kolacz

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