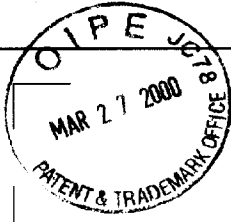


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**WHEREAS**, Apex Tubulars Limited (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), a corporation of the United Kingdom, with an address of Mill of Monquich, Netherley, Aberdeenshire, AB39 3QR, United Kingdom, desires to acquire my entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, and in and to the said application and any Letters Patent that may issue thereon;

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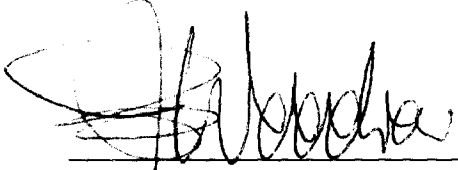
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