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## A S S I G N M E N T

ASSIGNMENT made by PATRICK L. NELSON, of 6421 Brandywood Trail, City of Sun Prairie, State of Wisconsin 53590, USA, to EXEL NELSON ENGINEERING LLC, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and located and doing business at 4706 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin 53704, USA.

IN CONSIDERATION of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, said PATRICK L. NELSON hereby sells, assigns and transfers to said EXEL NELSON ENGINEERING LLC, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in:

## VALVE HEAD FOR DISPENSING CARBONATED BEVERAGE

and the invention therein as set forth in his application for United States Letters Patent therefor, executed on \_\_\_\_\_, and in and to said application and any divisions or continuations thereof, and any Letters Patent obtained for the said invention in the United States and foreign countries, or issuing out of said application or any such division or continuation thereof, and any reissues or extensions of any such Letters Patent.

The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized and requested to issue Letters Patent for said invention to said EXEL NELSON ENGINEERING LLC, as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein.

And, the said PATRICK L. NELSON hereby covenants that he has full right to convey the entire right, title and interest in said invention, and that he has not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

And he further covenants that he will, at any time, upon request, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title in said EXEL NELSON ENGINEERING LLC, to said invention or any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor, and if said EXEL NELSON ENGINEERING LLC, or its assignee, desire to make a substitute, divisional or continuation application for said invention, or to secure a reissue or extension of said Letters Patent, to file a disclaimer relating thereto, or an application for a corresponding patent in any foreign country, that he will upon request, sign all papers, make all rightful oaths, and do all lawful acts requisite for the said purposes, but at the expense of said EXEL NELSON ENGINEERING LLC.

PATRICK L. NELSON further hereby acknowledges that the entire beneficial interest in the invention to which the above application relates is irrevocably vested in the assignee including the right to make application for protection in all countries abroad and to claim priority under the International Convention for such applications and hereby assents to the making of any such applications, with or without priority claim, and of any divisional application resulting therefrom.

And, he further covenants that he will at all times communicate to the said EXEL NELSON ENGINEERING LLC, its successors, assigns or legal representatives,

all facts relating to said invention and Letters Patent, or the history thereof, known to him, and testify as the same in interferences or other litigation, when requested so to do.

I hereby authorize the above-mentioned assignee or the attorney of record to insert in this instrument the filing date serial number of my said application:

Serial Number: 09/489,693

Filing Date: 01/24/00

Executed and delivered this 21 day of January, 2000.

Inventor

*Patrick L. Nelson*  
PATRICK L. NELSON

State of Wisconsin )  
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County of                    )

Personally appeared before me this            day of            , 2000, PATRICK L. NELSON, to me known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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*Robert J. A.*  
Notary Public  
My Commission expires  
6/17/01

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