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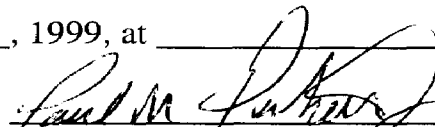
WHEREAS, we, Paul Matthews Pickett, Jr. residing at 5883 Gracelawn, North Branch, Michigan 48461 and Robert Jay Slais residing at 4372 Welland Drive, West Bloomfield, Michigan 48323, have invented certain improvements in a CONDUIT ENGAGEMENT DEVICE for which we have executed an application for United States Patent;

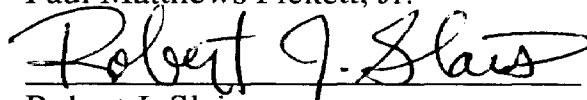
AND, WHEREAS Automotive Fluid Systems, Inc., a corporation of Delaware, having an office at 1835 Technology Drive, Troy, Michigan 48083-4244, (herein called AUTOMOTIVE) has previously acquired the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of our employee patent agreements heretofore executed by us and desire to confirm said acquisition;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to and in compliance with the provisions of said employee patent agreements, by these presents we do formally assign and transfer unto AUTOMOTIVE the entire right and interest in and to said improvements, as described in said application, including patentable subject matter disclosed in said application, and in and to all patentable and future domestic and foreign applications and patents therefor, including any and all reissues, divisions and continuations thereof, and we agree to sign all papers and perform all acts, without any further consideration, as AUTOMOTIVE may deem necessary to make this assignment fully effective, including the execution of reissue, divisional and continuing domestic applications and of foreign applications; and we hereby request the Commissioner of Patents to issue all Letters Patent granted on said applications to AUTOMOTIVE as the assignee, for the sole use and behoof of AUTOMOTIVE and its legal representatives and assigns, and we hereby authorize any one of our attorneys, Remy J. VanOphem, PTO Reg. 27053, and Thomas A Meehan, PTO Reg. 19713 to insert on this Assignment the filing date and serial number of said application when known.

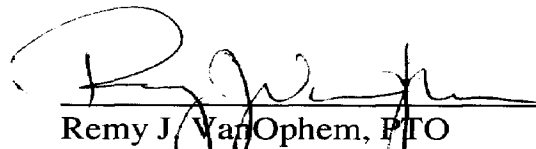
Except as set forth herein and in said employee patent agreements, there are no other agreements or understandings, express or implied, between AUTOMOTIVE or its direct or indirect subsidiaries and ourselves with respect to said improvements.

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Paul Matthews Pickett, Jr.


Robert J. Slais

The above Assignment covers application Serial No. 09/430,790
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Remy J. VanOphem, PTO
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