

06-28-2000



6-15-00

FORM PTO-1595
(Rev. 6-93)

101391717

U.S. Department of Commerce

OMB No. 0651-0011 (exp. 4-94)

PATENTS ONLY

Patent and Trademark Office

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original document or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):
Robert E. Smith III
Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):
Name: **National Coupling Company, Inc.**
Internal Address:
Street Address: **1316 Staffordshire Road**
City: **Stafford** State: **TX** Zip: **77477**
Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:
 Assignment Merger
 Security Agreement Change of Name
 Other
Execution Date: **June 14, 2000**

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s).
If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: **June 15, 2000**
A. Patent Application No.(s):
UNKNOWN
B. Patent No.(s):
UNKNOWN
Additional numbers attached? Yes No **09596040**

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed
Name: **STEPHEN D. DELLETT**
Fulbright & Jaworksi
600 Congress Avenue, #1900
City: **Austin** State: **Texas** Zip: **78701**

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1
7. Total fee (37 C.F.R. 3.41)----- \$ 40.00
 Enclosed
 Authorized to be charged to deposit account if check insufficient or inadvertently omitted
8. Deposit account number: 50-1212/NATT:055US/DEL
(Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)

DO NOT USE THIS SPACE

9. Statement and signature.
To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.
Stephen D. Dellett
Name of Person Signing, Reg. No. 32,564

Signature
6-15-00
Date
Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments and documents: 3

EXPRESS MAIL MAILING LABEL
NUMBER EL548524120US
DATE OF DEPOSIT June 15, 2000

06/23/2000 MGDORON 00000055 09596040
02 FC:581 40.00 DP

10542 U.S. PTO
09/596040
06/15/00

ASSIGNMENT

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, the receipt, sufficiency and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, does hereby:

SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER to NATIONAL COUPLING COMPANY, INC. (the "Assignee"), having a place of business at 1316 Staffordshire Road, Stafford, Texas 77477, the entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, which has been executed by the undersigned concurrently herewith and is entitled "**SEAL RETAINER FOR UNDERSEA HYDRAULIC COUPLING**" such application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of such improvements; all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on such improvements; and specifically including the right to file foreign applications under the provisions of any convention or treaty and claim priority based on such application in the United States;

AUTHORIZE AND REQUEST the issuing authority to issue any and all United States and foreign patents granted on such improvements to the Assignee;

WARRANT AND COVENANT that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been or will be made to others by the undersigned. and that the full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned;

COVENANT, when requested and at the expense of the Assignee, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all such improvements; execute all rightful oaths, declarations, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to the Assignee all facts known to the undersigned relating to such improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which the Assignee shall consider desirable for vesting title to such improvements in the Assignee, and for securing, maintaining and enforcing proper patent protection for such improvements;

TO BE BINDING on the heirs, assigns, representatives and successors of the undersigned and extend to the successors, assigns and nominees of the Assignee.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]
Name: Robert E. Smith III

Date: 14-JUN 00

STATE OF TEXAS)
) ss.
COUNTY OF FT. BEND)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this 14th day of June, 2000, personally appeared Robert E. Smith III, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

[Handwritten Signature]
Notary or Consular Officer



FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI L.L.P.
600 Congress Avenue, Suite 1900
Austin, Texas 78701