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1. Name of conveying party(ies):

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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

Nordstrom Valves, Inc.  
1511 Jefferson Street  
P.O. Box 501  
Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes  No

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**ASSIGNMENT**

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by me, **Mark A. Lay**, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at **570 Craig 106-D, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482**,

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, I am the sole inventor of certain new and useful improvements in VALVE ASSEMBLY INCLUDING GEARBOX for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office. I hereby authorize and request my attorney, Myers Bigel Sibley & Sajovec, to insert here in parentheses (Application No. 09/559,283, filed April 27, 2000) the filing date and application number of said application when known or to file this Assignment concurrently with the application; and

WHEREAS, **Nordstrom Valves, Inc., having a principal place of business at 1511 Jefferson Street, P.O. Box 501, Sulphur Springs, Texas 75482**, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention as described in said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me if this assignment and sale had not been made.

I hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

I further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, I possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that I have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

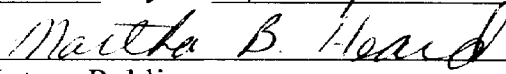
I further covenant and agree to bind my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns promptly to communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to me relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the assignee, its representatives, successors, or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the assignee complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2000.

 (SEAL)  
**Mark A. Lay**

STATE OF Texas )  
 ) ss:  
COUNTY OF Hopkins )

Before me personally appeared **Mark A. Lay**, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purpose therein stated, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2000.

  
Notary Public

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My Commission Expires: 7.25.2001