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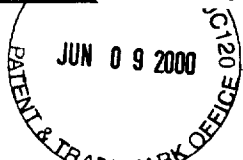
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Documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

David M. Christensen

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

Name: American Hearth Systems, Inc.

Internal Address: 2829 Freeman Street

Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802

Street Address: 2829 Freeman Street

City Fort Wayne State: Indiana Zip: 46802

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

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

3. Nature of Conveyance:

- Assignment Merger
- Security Agreement Change of Name
- Other _____

Execution Date: May 31, 2000

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A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s)

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

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6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41)\$ 40.00

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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.

Joseph M. Rolnicki
Name of person signing

Joseph M. Rolnicki
Signature

June 9, 2000
Date

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, David M. Christensen of 1559 Sinking Springs Drive, O'Fallon, Illinois 62269, have invented certain new and useful improvements for a *Direct Vent Fireplace with Baffled, Directional Exhaust and Vent Air Column* for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent in the United States identifying me as a co-inventor thereof along with Corbit Beasey, Robert B. Zahm and Christopher L. Flick (said application being identified as Howell & Haferkamp, L.C., Docket 3179-4674); and


WHEREAS, American Hearth Systems, Inc., a corporation of the State of Indiana having its principal office and place of business at 2829 Freeman Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements as disclosed in said application, in and to said application, and in and to the patent to be obtained thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of all of which are hereby acknowledged, I, David M. Christensen, have sold, assigned and transferred and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said American Hearth Systems, Inc., its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements as the same are disclosed in said application which was executed by me preparatory to filing for Letters Patent, in and to said application, and in and to any Letters Patent, including divisionals, continuations, reissues, reexaminations and extensions to be obtained therefor in the United States and all foreign countries; and I further agree to cooperate with the assignee hereunder in the obtaining and sustaining of any and all such Letters Patent as the assignee may desire to apply for, but at the expense of said assignee.

The Commissioner of Patents or other proper official is hereby authorized and requested to issue said Letters Patent to said American Hearth Systems, Inc. in accordance with this Assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand the 31st day of

MAY 2000.


David M. Christensen




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COUNTY OF

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On this 3rd day of May 2000 before me, a Notary Public, within and for the County of St. Clair State of Illinois, personally appeared David M. Christensen, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing assignment and acknowledged that he executed same as his free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the date and year last above written.


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 1-29-2001

