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July 15, 2000  
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## **PATENT ASSIGNMENT**

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WHEREAS, I, Clare J. Kuhlman of 5609 Red Haw Lane, Platte Woods, Missouri 64151 have invented new and useful improvements in an

### **ARTICULATED TUG AND BARGE MOBILE LIGHTERING CONNECTOR**

for which I have made application for Letters Patent in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Intercontinental Engineering-Mfg., Co., a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Delaware, and having its principal place of business at 1000 Intercon Drive, Riverside, Missouri 64168, is desirous of acquiring an interest in, to and under said invention, said application and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted for or upon said invention in the United States and all countries foreign thereto;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I, Clare J. Kuhlman, have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said Intercontinental Engineering-Mfg., Co., the full and exclusive right, title and interest, throughout the world;

in, to and under said invention as fully set forth and described in the specification

prepared and executed by me on April 30, 1999, (hereinafter "said application") preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of and under said application;

in, to and under all refilings, divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of

said application in the United States of America;

in, to and under any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America which may issue from said application, refilings, divisions, continuations and/or continuations-in-part thereof;

in, to and under any and all reissues of said Letters Patent of the United States of America;

in, to and under any and all applications for Letters Patent upon said invention which may hereafter be filed in any and all countries foreign to the United States of America;

in, to and under any and all refilings, divisions, continuations and/or continuations-in-part of said foreign-filed applications;

in, to and under any and all Letters Patent of countries foreign to the United States of America, which may issue from the said foreign-filed applications, refilings, divisions, continuations and/or continuations-in-part; and

in, to and under any and all extensions of, and additions to, said Letters Patent of countries foreign to the United States of America,

the same to be held and enjoyed by said Intercontinental Engineering-Mfg., Co., for its own use and behoof, and for its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the terms for which said Letters Patent may be granted, and I do hereby authorize

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and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States of America in accordance with this assignment.

1.           **RIGHTS INCLUDED.** The transfer and assignment, as described above, shall also include the right to sue for past infringements of the Invention disclosed herein, and any patent that may issue therefrom (whether known or unknown), and to hold for Assignee's own use all recoveries had in such suits, without need for accounting to Assignor. In any such litigation, Assignor shall provide reasonable cooperation, at Assignee's expense.
  
2.           **REPRESENTATIONS.** Assignor represents and warrants that Assignor, has the sole and exclusive ownership interest in and title to the Invention; that Assignor has not granted to any third party any rights that would conflict, in any material way, with the rights granted herein to Assignee; that, to the knowledge of Assignor, the Invention is not being infringed by any third party; and that Assignor has the full right, power, and authority to make the herein assignment.
  
3.           **COMMUNICATIONS.** Assignor hereby authorizes Assignee, with respect to the Invention and any patent that may issue therefrom, to communicate with the United States Office of Patents and Trademarks with the same effect as though such communications were made by or with Assignor directly.

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4. **FURTHER ASSURANCES.** Assignor agrees to execute and deliver to Assignee and to perform such tasks as Assignee may reasonably require in order to vest in Assignee full and complete record title to the Invention disclosed herein and any patent that may issue therefrom.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Assignor has executed this Assignment as of this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

Date: 7-19-00

Clare J. Kuhlman  
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STATE OF Missouri )  
COUNTY OF Platte ) ss.

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000, before me personally appeared Clare J. Kuhlman, to me known to be the person described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and who duly acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Debra A. Gallup  
Notary Public

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My Commission expires: 2-18-04

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