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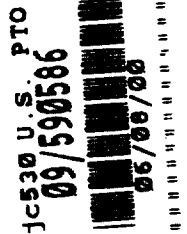


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**Re: RESTRAINING GASKET FOR MECHANICAL JOINTS OF PIPE**  
Applicant: William W. Holmes, IV and Daniel A. Copeland  
Application No.: *not yet assigned*  
Filed: June 8, 2000 by Express Mail *herewith*  
Art Unit: *not yet assigned*

Dear Sir:

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Enclosed herewith are the following:

- (1) A new PATENT APPLICATION for the **RESTRAINING GASKET FOR MECHANICAL JOINTS OF PIPE** identified therein, including a Specification, an Abstract, and Claims (along with Utility Patent Application Transmittal);
- (2) An INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT for the above referenced application. No fee or showing is necessary for the Statement as this filing is made within three months of the filing date. We request that the enclosed information be properly processed in your office, though its submission is not an admission that any reference acts as prior art or that conclusions of any foreign search reports are correct;
- (3) A check for the FEE in the amount of \$730, made payable to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks; and
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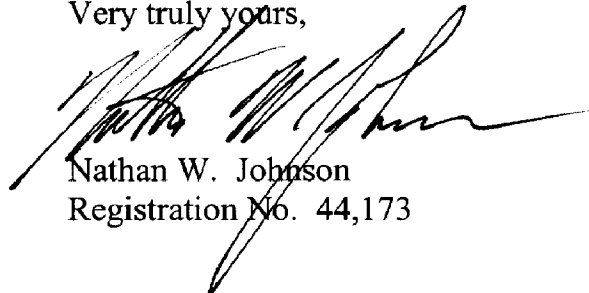
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- (5) Assignee Power of Attorney
- (6) Assignment of Patent Application

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Very truly yours,



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Registration No. 44,173

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**ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION**

FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION,

I, William W. Holmes, IV, have agreed and hereby agree to assign for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby expressly acknowledged, and do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto

United States Pipe and Foundry Company

a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Alabama as Assignee, and its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest that I may have, for all countries in and to certain inventions relating to the

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described in the application for Letters Patent of the United States filed herewith, bearing Application Serial Number 09/590,586 and to any invention(s) and improvement(s) set forth in said application, and any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, and renewals of and substitutes for said application for said Letters Patent, and all the rights and privileges under any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in any country, and any reissues, or reexaminations, or extensions of said Letters Patent. I request that any and all Letters Patent for said inventions be issued to said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, or to such nominees as it may designate.

I agree that, when requested, I will, without charge to said Assignee but at its expense, sign all papers, take all rightful oaths, and do all acts which may be necessary, desirable or convenient for securing and maintaining patents for said inventions in any and all countries and for vesting title thereto in said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees.

I authorize and empower said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees, to invoke and claim for any application for patent or other form of protection for said inventions filed by it or them, the benefit of the right of priority provided by the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the Paris Convention, and the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for said treaties and conventions, and to invoke and claim such right of priority without further written or oral authorization from me.

I hereby consent that a copy of this assignment shall be deemed a full legal and formal equivalent of any assignment, consent to file or like document which may be required in any country for any purpose and more particularly in proof of the right of the said Assignee or nominee to claim the aforesaid benefit of the right of priority provided by the International convention which may henceforth be substituted for it.

I covenant with said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance, and that I have full right to convey the same as herein expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name on the day and year set forth below.

William W. Holmes, IV  
Inventor (signature)

8 June 00  
DATE

William W. Holmes, IV  
(Inventor's Typed Name)

STATE OF ) Alabama  
          ) SS  
COUNTY OF ) Jefferson

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000 before me personally came the above named **William W. Holmes, IV**, who is personally known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the same individual who executed the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the use and purposes therein set forth.

Karen L. Boyd  
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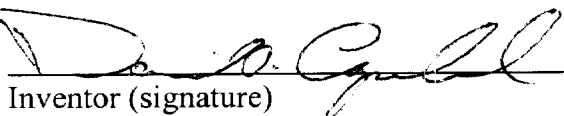
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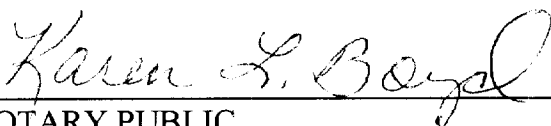
  
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6-8-00  
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Dan Copeland  
(Inventor's Typed Name)

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On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000 before me personally came the above named **Dan Copeland**, who is personally known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the same individual who executed the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the use and purposes therein set forth.

  
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