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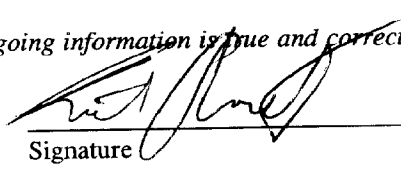
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Inventor Name(s) Klaus-Dieter Fiebig

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have invented and own the entire United States right, title and interest in an invention for

Invention Title: DEVICE FOR CLOSING A PIPE AT ITS END SIDE

disclosed in my application for United States Letter Patent filed

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 on _____ and assigned Serial No. _____; and

I hereby authorize and request any attorney of Vidas, Arrett & Steinkraus, P.A., Suite 2000, 6109 Blue Circle Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343-9131, to insert the filing date and application number of said application above when known.

Assignee Name WHEREAS,
DOCKWEILER GmbH

Assignee Address having its principal place of business at

Meessen 10 D-22113 Oststeinbek/Germany

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NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of all of which is hereby acknowledged, I(we) hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto ASSIGNEE, its successors, and assigns, the entire right, title and interest, legal and equitable, in and to said application and all United States Letters Patent and Design Letters Patent which may be granted thereon; and the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby authorized and requested to issue all Letters Patent and all Design Letters Patent which may be granted to said invention to ASSIGNEE.

City & Country Signed at Oststeinbek / Germany

Date this ~~10th~~ day of September 2000

Inventor Signature(s) 
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Title: DEVICE FOR CLOSING A PIPE)
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VERIFIED STATEMENT
CLAIMING
SMALL ENTITY STATUS

(ASSIGNEE FORM)

Docket No. H01.2-9275-

As a representative of the below named company I hereby state that:

1. I am empowered to act on behalf of the Company in making the following statements to establish status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9.

2. By assignment of all right, title and interest in and to the invention described above, the Company is the owner of the subject matter of a patent application identified above, the docket no., filing date and application number of which application may be inserted above by any attorney of Vidas, Arrett & Steinkraus, P.A., when known.

3. The company has not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed any rights in and to the invention, and is not under any obligation, contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights to said invention to any other party.

4. The Company is a business concern which presently employs less than 500 persons.

5. Based upon the above facts, it is believed that the Company is a Small Business for paying reduced fees as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.9(d).

6. The company acknowledges its duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate (37 C.F.R. §1.28(b)).

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DOCKWEILER GmbH
Company name

Meessen 10, D-22113 Osteinbek, Germany
Company address

Dated 10/9/00 of September 2000

By Klaus-Dieter Fiebig
Title Managing Director

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