

REC

10-17-2000

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office

9-11-00



101489351

Tab settings

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please return the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):
Larry Russell

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

Name: Illinois Tool Works Inc.

Internal Address:

Additional names(s) of conveying party(ies) Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment Merger
- Security Agreement Change of Name
- Other

Street Address: 3600 West Lake Avenue

City: Glenview60025 State: IL ZIP: 60025

Execution Date: August 31, 2000

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

4. Application number(s) or registration numbers(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: n/a

A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s)

4,441,009

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

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

Name: Mark W. Croll

Internal Address: Illinois Tool Works Inc.

Street Address: 3600 West Lake Avenue

City: Glenview60025 State: IL ZIP: 60025

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

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

- Enclosed - Any excess or insufficiency should be credited or debited to deposit account
- Authorized to be charged to deposit account

8. Deposit account number:

09-0025

DO NOT USE THIS SPACE

10/16/2000 DBYRNE 00000222 090025 4441009

Signature and Date

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.

Linda Loranger

09/11/00

Name of Person Signing

Signature

Date

Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: 3

3

U.S. PATENT ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, LARRY RUSSELL, a California resident having an address at El Toro, California, U.S.A., hereinafter referred to as "RUSSELL" is the owner of the US patent identified in the attached Schedule A (collectively hereafter referred to as the "PATENT");

WHEREAS, ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC., a Delaware corporation, having offices at 3600 West Lake Avenue, Glenview, Illinois 60025, U.S.A. (hereinafter referred to as ITW") is desirous of acquiring ownership rights in the PATENT;

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, RUSSELL does hereby assign, sell, transfer and set over to ITW, effective as of August 31, 2000 the entire right, title and interest in and to the PATENT, the inventions described and claimed therein, any reissues of the PATENT, and the right to sue for past infringements; with the same to be held and enjoyed by ITW for its own use and enjoyment and the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns and legal representatives to the end of the term for which each of the PATENT was granted or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by RUSSELL if this assignment, sale, transfer had not been made.

LARRY RUSSELL

By: [Signature]
Title: President

Subscribed to and sworn to before me this 31th day of August, 2000.

[Signature]
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 5/24/02

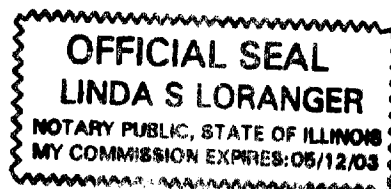


ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC.

By: [Signature]
Title: VICE PRESIDENT

Subscribed to and sworn to before me this 31th day of AUGUST, 2000.

[Signature]
Notary Public
My Commission Expires: 5/12/03



SCHEDULE A

U.S. PATENTS

| PATENT NUMBER | TITLE | ISSUE DATE |
|----------------------|--|-------------------|
| 4,441,009 | ARC VOLTAGE CONTROL CIRCUIT FOR WELDING APPARATUS | April 3, 1984 |