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## ASSIGNMENT BY INVENTORS

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ by Bruce Wilkinson, Richard Lord and Scott K. Batchelder, (hereinafter  
referred to as Assignors), residing at

75 High Street, Gloucester, MA 01930;  
22 R. Lothrop Street, Beverly, MA 01915; and  
4 Plum Bush Downs, Newbury, MA 01951.

WHEREAS, Assignors have invented certain new and useful  
improvements in MARINE IN LINE BILGE BLOWER, set forth in an  
application for Letters Patent of the United States, executed on \_\_\_\_\_, filed  
concurrently herewith as U.S. application Serial No. Not Yet Assigned; and

WHEREAS, Rule Industries, Inc., a corporation organized under and  
pursuant to the laws of Massachusetts having its principal place of business at  
Cape Ann Industrial Park, One Kondelin Road, Gloucester, MA 01930  
(hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title  
and interest in and to said inventions and said Application for Letters Patent of the  
United States, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States to be  
obtained therefor and thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and  
other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt of which is hereby  
acknowledged, Assignors have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by  
these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto Assignee, its successors,  
legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the

above-mentioned inventions and application for Letters Patent, and in and to any and all direct and indirect divisions, continuations and continuations-in-part of said application, and any and all Letters Patent in the United States and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and reissues, reexaminations and extensions of said Letters Patent, and all rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the same to be held and enjoyed by Assignee, for its own use and benefit and the use and benefit of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which Letters Patent may be granted and/or extended, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors, had this sale and assignment not been made.

AND for the same consideration, Assignors hereby represent and warrant to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that, at the time of execution and delivery of these presents, except for any rights, titles and/or interests that have arisen to Assignee under law or that have already been transferred to Assignee, Assignors are the sole and lawful owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the said inventions and application for Letters Patent above-mentioned, and that the same are unencumbered and that Assignors have good and full right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same in the manner herein set forth.

AND for the same consideration, Assignors hereby covenant and agree to and with Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, that Assignors will sign all papers and documents, take all lawful oaths and do all acts

necessary or required to be done for the procurement, maintenance, enforcement and defense of any Letters Patent and applications for Letters Patent for said inventions, without charge to Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, whenever counsel of Assignee, or counsel of its successors, legal representatives and assigns, shall advise: that any proceeding in connection with said inventions, or said application for Letters Patent, or any proceeding in connection with any Letters Patent or applications for Letters Patent for said inventions in any country, including but not limited to interference proceedings, is lawful and desirable; or, that any division, continuation or continuation-in-part of any application for Letters Patent, or any reissue, reexamination or extension of any Letters Patent, to be obtained thereon, is lawful and desirable.

**AND** Assignors hereby request the Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent of the United States to Assignee, as Assignee of said inventions and the Letters Patent to be issued thereon, for the sole use and benefit of Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns.

**AND** Assignors hereby grant the following individuals the power to insert on this Assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document:

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AND Assignors acknowledge an obligation of assignment of this invention to Assignee at the time the invention was made.

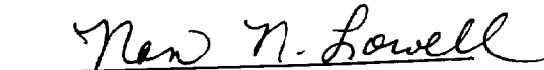
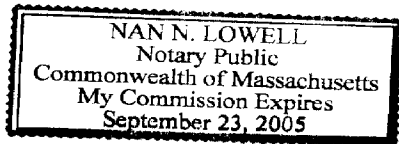


Bruce Wilkinson

Date October 12, 2000

United States of America )  
State Massachusetts )ss.:  
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On this 12th day of October, 2000, before me personally came Bruce Wilkinson, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution of the same.

  
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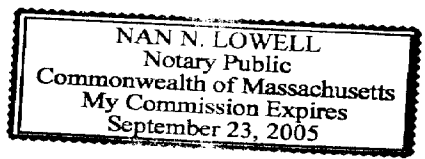
Richard Lord  
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On this 12th day of October, 2000, before me personally came Richard Lord, to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged execution of the same.

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