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For valuable consideration, we, LEE A. HORTON, P.E. of Jefferson, MA 01522, and ARTHUR A. ERICKSON of Hubbardston, MA 01452, hereby assign to: WOODS EQUIPMENT COMPANY, a DELAWARE corporation having a place of business at:

151 Suffolk Lane  
Gardner, MA 01440-1765; and

its successors and assigns (collectively hereinafter called "the Assignee"), the entire right, title and interest throughout the world in the inventions and improvements which are subject of an application for United States Patent signed by us, entitled MULTI-LINE FLUID CONNECTOR, filed \_\_\_\_\_, and assigned U.S. Serial Number \_\_\_\_\_, and we authorize and request the attorneys appointed in said application to hereafter complete this assignment by inserting above the filing date and serial number of said application when known; this assignment including said application, any and all United States and foreign patents, utility models, and design registrations granted for any of said inventions or improvements, and the right to claim priority based on the filing date of said application under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, the Patent Cooperation Treaty, the European Patent Convention, and all other treaties of like purposes; and we authorize the Assignee to apply in all countries in our name or in its own name for patents, utility models, design registrations and like rights of exclusion and for inventors' certificates for said inventions and improvements; and we agree for ourselves and our respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns, without further compensation to perform such lawful acts and to sign such further applications, assignments, Preliminary Statements and other lawful documents as the Assignee may reasonably request to effectuate fully this assignment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS

this 1st day of NOVEMBER, 2000

Lee A. Horton

LEE A. HORTON, P.E.

L.S.

State of MASSACHUSETTS:

: ss.

County of WORCESTER :

Before me this 1st day of NOVEMBER, 2000, personally appeared LEE A. HORTON, P.E. known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the purposes therein contained.

Denise A. St. Laurent

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

DENISE A. ST. LAURENT  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
My Commission Expires  
Feb. 3, 2006

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereto set my hand and seal at GARDNER, MASSACHUSETTS,  
this 1st day of NOVEMBER, 2000  
Arthur A. Erickson L.S.  
ARTHUR A. ERICKSON

State of MASSACHUSETTS:

: ss.

County of WORCESTER :

Before me this 1st day of NOVEMBER, 2000, personally  
appeared ARTHUR A. ERICKSON known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to  
the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed  
for the purposes therein contained.

Denise A. St. Laurent  
Notary Public

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