

12-06-2000



101541493

9/7/0139

U.S. Department of Commerce  
Patent and Trademark Office

PATENT

914 U.S. PT  
09/7/0139

11/10/00

11/10/00

**RECORDATION FORM COVER SHEET  
PATENTS ONLY**

TO: The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original document(s) or copy(ies).

**Submission Type**

- ☒ New
- ☐ Resubmission (Non-Recordation)  
Document ID#
- ☐ Correction of PTO Error  
Reel #  Frame #
- ☐ Corrective Document  
Reel #  Frame #

**Conveyance Type**

- ☒ Assignment ☐ Security Agreement
- ☐ License ☐ Change of Name
- ☐ Merger ☐ Other
- U.S. Government**  
(For Use ONLY by U.S. Government Agencies)
- ☐ Departmental File ☐ Secret File

**Conveying Party(ies)**

☐ Mark if additional names of conveying parties attached

Execution Date  
Month Day Year

Name (line 1)

10/24/2000

Name (line 2)

**Second Party**

Execution Date  
Month Day Year

Name (line 1)

10/24/2000

Name (line 2)

**Receiving Party**

☐ Mark if additional names of receiving parties attached

Name (line 1)

☐ If document to be recorded is an assignment and the receiving party is not domiciled in the United States, an appointment of a domestic representative is attached. (Designation must be a separate document from Assignment.)

Name (line 2)

Address (line 1)

Address (line 2)

Address (line 3)

City

State/Country

Zip Code

**Domestic Representative Name and Address**

Enter for the first Receiving Party only.

Name

Address (line 1)

Address (line 2)

Address (line 3)

Address (line 4)

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Public burden reporting for this collection of information is estimated to average approximately 30 minutes per Cover Sheet to be recorded, including time for reviewing the document and gathering the data needed to complete the Cover Sheet. Send comments regarding this burden estimate to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Chief Information Officer, Washington, D.C. 20231 and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0651-0027), Washington, D.C. 20503. See OMB Information Collection Budget Package 0651-0027, Patent and Trademark Assignment Practice. DO NOT SEND REQUESTS TO RECORD ASSIGNMENT DOCUMENTS TO THIS ADDRESS.

Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet(s) information to:  
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Box Assignments, Washington, D.C. 20231

**PATENT**  
**REEL: 011298 FRAME: 0147**

**Correspondent Name and Address**

Area Code and Telephone Number (309) 675-4923

Name Michael R. Huber

Address (line 1) Caterpillar Inc.

Address (line 2) Intellectual Property Department

Address (line 3) 100 N. E. Adams Street

Address (line 4) Peoria, IL 61629-6490

**Pages**

Enter the total number of pages of the attached conveyance document including any attachments.

# 2

**Application Number(s) or Patent Number(s)**

☐ Mark if additional numbers attached

Enter either the Patent Application Number or the Patent Number (DO NOT ENTER BOTH numbers for the same property).

**Patent Application Number(s)**

**Patent Number(s)**


If this document is being filed together with a new Patent Application, enter the date the patent application was signed by the first named executing inventor.

Month Day Year  
10/24/2000

**Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)**

Enter PCT application number  
only if a U.S. Application Number  
has not been assigned.

PCT PCT PCT  
PCT PCT PCT

**Number of Properties**

Enter the total number of properties involved.

# 1

**Fee Amount**

Fee Amount for Properties Listed (37 CFR 3.41): \$ 40.00

Method of Payment:  
Deposit Account

Enclosed ☐ Deposit Account ☒

(Enter for payment by deposit account or if additional fees can be charged to the account.)

Deposit Account Number:

# 03-1129

Docket No. 99-544

Authorization to charge additional fees:

Yes

☒

No

☐

**Statement and Signature**

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. Charges to deposit account are authorized, as indicated herein.

Michael R. Huber

Name of Person Signing

Signature

11/10/2000

Date

## **ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, Dennis H. Gibson and Jerry A. Wear, residing respectively at Chillicothe, Illinois and East Peoria, Illinois, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS, have invented a new and useful

### **GRAVITY AND/OR THERMAL CONTRACTION REPLENISHING RESERVOIR FOR ENGINE HYDRAULIC SYSTEM**

for which ASSIGNORS are about to file an international application and/or make application for Letters Patent in the United States of America, such invention being described and identified by said application having an attached International Application Request and/or an attached Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by ASSIGNORS on 10/24/2000 and 10/24/2000; and

WHEREAS, Caterpillar Inc., a Delaware corporation having a place of business at Peoria, State of Illinois, United States of America, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any Letters Patent granted thereon by the United States of America and any foreign country;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and for other good and valuable consideration received by ASSIGNORS from ASSIGNEE, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by ASSIGNORS;

1. ASSIGNORS hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto ASSIGNEE the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, any application therefor, and any Letters Patent granted thereon by the United States of America and any foreign country, including any continuing application, reissue or extension thereof, together with the right to file applications and obtain patents for said invention in any foreign country, and covenant that ASSIGNORS have the full right to do so.

2. At the request and expense of ASSIGNEE, ASSIGNORS agree to communicate to ASSIGNEE any facts known respecting said invention, to execute all papers necessary to file any application on said invention necessary or desirable to aid ASSIGNEE in obtaining and enforcing proper protection for said invention in the United States of America and any foreign country.

3. ASSIGNORS hereby authorize and request the COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS to issue the United States Letters Patent on said invention, when granted, to Caterpillar Inc.

4. This assignment shall inure to the benefit of ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives, and shall be binding upon ASSIGNORS, ASSIGNORS' heirs and legal representatives.

  
DENNIS H. GIBSON

10/24/00  
Date

IN WITNESS OF the execution hereof by DENNIS H. GIBSON we have hereunto set our hands.

 10/24/00  
Witness (1) Date

Address: 402 Kingsbury  
Metumora IL 61548


 10/24/00  
Witness (2) Date

Address: 305 Barbara Pkwy  
Washington, IL 61571

  
JERRY A. WEAR

10/24/00  
Date

IN WITNESS OF the execution hereof by JERRY A. WEAR we have hereunto set our hands.

 10/24/00  
Witness (1) Date

Address: 402 Kingsbury  
Metumora IL 61548

 10/24/00  
Witness (2) Date

Address: 305 Barbara Pkwy  
Washington, IL 61571