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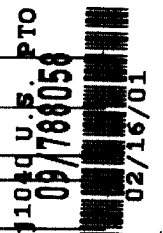
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PATENT APPLICATION ASSIGNMENT

Docket 174-99021

WHEREAS, we, Ian D. Calder, a citizen of the United Kingdom, residing at 12203 Cypresswood Drive, Houston, Texas 77070, Ready J. Johnson, a citizen of the United States, residing at 1115 Augusta #32, Houston, Texas 77057-2221, and John Nelson, a citizen of the United States residing at 12102 Stable Way Court, Houston, Texas 77065, have invented new and useful improvements in an

APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR RETURNING DRILLING FLUID FROM A SUBSEA WELLBORE

for which application is being made for Letters Patent, said application being executed by us on the date of 02/13, 2001 and further being identified by Attorney's Docket No. 174-99021.

WHEREAS, ABB VETCO GRAY INC., a corporation of the State of Delaware, having a correspondence address of 3010 Briarpark, 3rd Floor, Houston, Texas 77042, is desirous of acquiring our entire right, title and interest in said application and any Letters Patent which may issue thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable consideration, we hereby assign to said corporation, both in and for the territory of the United States of America and the entire world, all our title and interest in and to said invention, patent application and any patent which may issue thereon, including all divisions, continuations, reissues, continuations-in-part and substitutions thereof, plus all priority rights for patent applications foreign to the United States of America.

We further hereby assign and transfer to said corporation whatever cause of action we may have for past or present infringement of said invention, together with the right to bring suit for any such infringement and to seek and receive damages and other relief arising from any such infringement.

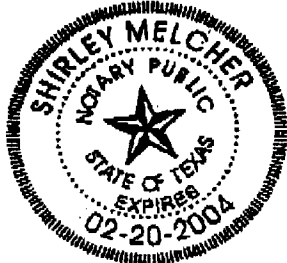
We HEREBY covenant and agree that we will at any time, upon the request and at the expense of said corporation, execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title and said invention, applications and patents, and we authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue Letters Patent to said corporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I execute this Assignment on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.

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Ian D. Calder

STATE OF Texas  
COUNTY OF Harris

Before me personally appeared the above-identified individual and acknowledged the foregoing assignment to be his voluntary act and deed on the 13 day of February, 2001.



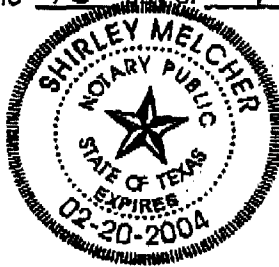
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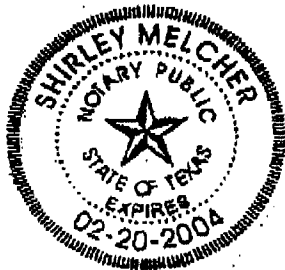
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