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Nov. 16, 2000

Date

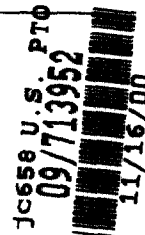
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WHEREAS, we, Robert D. Fross, a citizen of the United States residing at 7542 Marble Glen Lane, Houston, TX 77095, and Richard K.O. Barratt, a citizen of the United Kingdom residing at 10990 West Road, #810, Houston, TX 77064, have invented new and useful improvements in a

TRAPPED FLUID VOLUME COMPENSATOR FOR HYDRAULIC COUPLERS

for which application is being made for Letters Patent, said application being executed by me on the date of November 9, 2000 and on the date of November 9, 2000, respectively, and further being identified by Attorney's Docket No. 2137JB:44823.

WHEREAS, ABB OFFSHORE SYSTEMS, INC., a corporation of the State of Texas, having a correspondence address of 8909 Jackrabbit Road, Houston, TX 77095, is desirous of acquiring our entire title and interest in said application and our 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 my 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, we execute this Assignment on the 9th day of November, 2000 and on the 9th day of November, 2000, respectively.

Robert D. Fross
ROBERT D. FROSS
Richard K.O. Barratt
RICHARD K.O. BARRATT

STATE OF TEXAS
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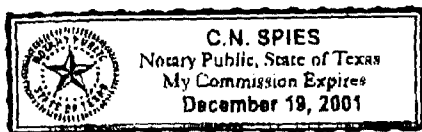
Before me personally appeared the Robert D. Fross, the above-identified individual and acknowledged the foregoing assignment to be his voluntary act and deed on the 9th day of November, 2000.



C.N. Spies
Notary Public in and for
State of Texas
My Commission Expires: 2001

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HARRIS

Before me personally appeared Richard K.O. Barratt, the above-identified individual and acknowledged the foregoing assignment to be his voluntary act and deed on the 9th day of November, 2000.



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