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| 1. Name of party or parties conveying an interest:<br><br>Ronald W. Kruzic  | 2. Name and address of party or parties receiving an interest:<br><br>Name: CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON COMPANY, a Delaware corporation<br>Address: 1501 North Division Street<br>City: Plainfield<br>State: Illinois<br>Zip: 60544-8929   |
| 3. Description of the interest conveyed:<br><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Assignment                      Other:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Merger<br><input type="checkbox"/> Change of Name<br><input type="checkbox"/> Security Agreement<br><br>Execution Date: October 24, 2000                   |  |
| 4. Application number(s) or trademark number(s). Additional sheet attached?<br>YES _____ NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   | If the document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is:<br><br>A. Patent Application no.(s): <u>09/688,304</u> filed October 13, 2000<br>B. Patent no.(s):   |
| 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning this cover sheet should be mailed:<br>Name: Richard M. LaBarge<br>Reg. No. 32,254<br>MARSHALL, O'TOOLE, GERSTEIN,<br>MURRAY & BORUN<br>Address: 6300 Sears Tower,<br>233 South Wacker Drive<br>City: Chicago<br>State: Illinois<br>Zip: 60606-6402 | 6. Number of applications and/or patents identified on this cover sheet: <u>1</u><br><br>7. Amount of fee enclosed or authorized to be charged: \$ 40.00<br><br>8. Any additional required fee may be charged, or any overpayment credited to our deposit account: 13-2855 |

9. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information contained on this cover sheet is true and correct and any copy submitted is a true copy of the original document.

Date: March 23 2001

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A S S I G N M E N T

Serial No: 09/688,304  
Filed: October 13, 2000  
Title: Ultrasonic austenitic weld seam inspection method and apparatus

For Ten Dollars (\$10.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assigns to Chicago Bridge & Iron Company, a Delaware corporation, 1501 North Division Street, Plainfield, Illinois 60544 ("assignee"), its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in the above-identified application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in said application and any and all other applications, both United States and foreign, which the undersigned has and may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries, which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said assignee, and authorizes and requests the attorneys of record in said application to insert in this assignment the serial number of said application when officially known.

The undersigned warrants himself to be the owner of the interest herein assigned and to have the right to make this assignment and further warrants that there are no outstanding prior assignments, licenses, or other rights in the interest herein assigned.

For said consideration the undersigned hereby agrees, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath or affidavit relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and any and all applications and other documents for Letters Patent in foreign countries on said invention or improvements, that said assignee, its successors or assigns, may deem necessary or expedient, and for the aforesaid consideration the undersigned further agrees upon the request of said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the event of any application or Letters Patent assigned herein becoming involved in Interference, to cooperate with said assignee, its successors or assigns, in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof, the undersigned hereby agreeing to perform, upon request, any and all affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent, both United States and foreign, and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in said assignee, its successors and assigns, whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment and sale had not been made.

WITNESS my hand this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2000



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NOTARY: Ruth Ann Hueie