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Robert B. Cohen

Name of Person Signing

Signature

April 17, 2001

Date

ASSIGNMENT OF PATENTS

WHEREAS, N-C Acquisition LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company ("N-C"), and Nycoil Company, a New Jersey corporation ("Nycoil") are simultaneously entering into the Asset Purchase Contribution Agreement for the sale of certain assets of Nycoil;

WHEREAS, Nycoil is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to the United States patents listed on "Schedule A" attached hereto and made a part hereof in the section thereof entitled "Patents/Patent Applications" (the "Patents"); and

WHEREAS, Nycoil is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to certain other intangible property listed on Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof in the section thereof entitled "Know-How" (the "Intangible Property"); and

WHEREAS, N-C is acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the Patents and Intangible; and

WHEREAS, it is desired that the assignment of Patents be made a matter of record in the United States Patent and Trademark Office;

NOW THEREFOR, for good and valuable consideration, receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, Nycoil has sold assigned and transferred, and by these presents does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto N-C and its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the Patents (including the inventions disclosed therein, and any division, continuation, reissue, reexamination or extension thereof, together with all rights of action and recovery for past infringement thereof); and the Intangible Property; which are owned by Nycoil, the same to be held and enjoyed by N-C, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Nycoil had this assignment not been made.

FURTHER, Nycoil hereby covenants, agrees and undertakes to execute, whenever requested by N-C, all applications, assignments, lawful oaths, and any other papers which N-C may deem reasonably necessary or desirable in securing to N-C or for maintaining N-C all the Patents and Intangible Property assigned, all without further compensation to Nycoil.

SEVERABILITY. In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be determined to be invalid, unlawful, void or unenforceable to any extent, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected and shall continue to be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one instrument.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, ASSIGNOR and ASSIGNEE have caused this assignment to
signed on the dates set forth below.

ASSIGNOR

NYCOH COMPANY

By: *Charles R. Rapp*

Title: President

ASSIGNEE

N-C ACQUISITION, LLC

By: _____

Title: _____

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ASSIGNOR

NYCOIL COMPANY

e: _____

By: _____

Title: _____

ASSIGNEE

N-C ACQUISITION, LLC

e: August 25, 2000

By: [Signature]

Title: _____

SCHEDULE A

UNITED STATES PATENTS			
Patent No.	Issue Date	Title	Expiration Date
4,313,331	Feb. 2, 1982	Method of Manufacturing A Metallic Retaining Ring For A Tube	Feb. 2, 1999
4,440,424	April 3, 1984	Releasable Coupling Device	April 2, 2001
4,508,369	Mar. 31, 1987	Releasable Coupling Device	April 2, 2002

FOREIGN PATENTS				
Country	Patent No.	Issue Date	Title	Expiration Date
Canada	1,144,209	April 5, 1983	Releasable Coupling Device	Apr. 5, 2000
France	80.16616	July 4, 1980	Releasable Coupling Device	July 4, 2000
Great Britain	2,066,914	July 4, 1984	Improved Releasable Coupling Device	July 4, 2000
Germany	P3025427-1	July 4, 1980	Releasable Coupling Device	July 4, 2000
Japan	1,370,208	Mar. 25, 1987	Releasable Coupling Device	July 4, 2000