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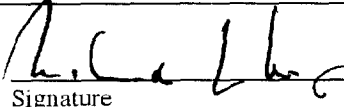
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WHEREAS, I,

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have made inventions and discoveries in **DAMPING VALVE**, the specification of which was filed as International Application Number PCT/EP99/06745 on the 11th day of September, 1999; and

WHEREAS **ZF Lenksysteme GmbH**, having a place of business at **D-73522 Schwaebisch Gmuend, Federal Republic of Germany**, and who, together with its successors and assigns, is hereinafter called Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the title, rights, benefits, and privileges hereinafter recited,

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration furnished by Assignee to me, receipt and sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, I hereby, without reservations:

1. Assign, transfer, and convey to Assignee the entire right, title, and interest in and to said inventions and discoveries, said application for Letters Patent of the United States of America, any and all other applications for Letters Patent on said inventions and discoveries, including all divisional, renewal, substitute, and continuation applications based in whole or in part upon said inventions or discoveries, or upon said applications, and any and all Letters Patent, reissues, and extensions of Letters Patent granted for said inventions and discoveries or upon said applications, and every priority right that is or may be predicated upon or arise from said inventions, said discoveries, said applications, and said Letters Patent.

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4. Warrant that I have not conveyed to others any right, title, or interest in said inventions, discoveries, applications, or patents or any license to use the same or to make, use, or sell anything embodying or utilizing any of said inventions or discoveries; that I have good right to assign the same to Assignee without encumbrance; and that I am aware of no claim to the contrary.

5. Bind my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, as well as myself, to do, upon Assignee's request and at Assignee's expense, but without additional consideration to me or them, all acts reasonably serving to assure that said inventions and discoveries, said patent applications, and said Letters Patent shall be held and enjoyed by Assignee as fully and entirely as the same could have been held and enjoyed by me, my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns if this assignment had not been made; and particularly to execute and deliver to Assignee all lawful application documents including petitions, specifications, and oaths, and all assignments, disclaimers, and lawful affidavits in form and substance as may be requested by Assignee; to communicate to Assignee all facts known to me relating to said inventions and discoveries or the history thereof; to furnish Assignee with any and all documents, photographs, models, samples, and other physical exhibits in my control or in the control of my heirs, legal representatives, or assigns which may be useful for establishing the facts of my conception, disclosure, and reduction to practice of said inventions and discoveries; and to testify to the same in any interference, arbitration, or litigation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this

23 day of February, 2001.

*Peter Ertle*  
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