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Steven W. Ballem *05/17/01*

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Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):
Name: Noma Company
Internal Address:
Street Address: 245 Drumlin Circle
Concord

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3. Nature of conveyance:
 Assignment Merger
 Security Agreement Change of Name
 Other:
Execution Date: May 15, 2001

City: Ontario Country: Canada Zip: L4K3E4

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 General Partnership:
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 Corporation-State:
 Other:
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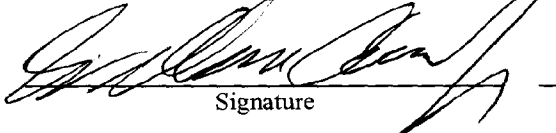
B. Patent No.(s)
 Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:
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6. Total number of applications and patents involved:
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ASSIGNMENT
(Sole Inventor)

WHEREAS, I, Steven W. Ballem, (hereinafter referred to as Assignor), residing at 3021 Olympus Mews, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L5N4V5, have invented new and useful improvements in:

CORE PLUG BLOCK HEATER AND METHOD

which is set forth in an application for Letters Patent in the United States executed on even date herewith;

AND WHEREAS, an original application was filed on May 17, 2000 and assigned U.S. Serial No.60/204,977.

AND WHEREAS, Noma Company (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), of 245 Drumlin Circle, Concord, Ontario, Canada, L4K3E4, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said application for Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern, that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignor has assigned, sold and set over, and by these present assigns, sells and sets over unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, for the territory of the United States of America and all foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application for Letters Patent, including the right to file foreign patent applications corresponding to said application, and the right to claim the priority date of said United States patent application and any legal equivalents thereof, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and to any and all divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said application, or re-issues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents prepared and executed by Assignor on even date herewith, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the Assignor had this Assignment and sale not been made.

AND the Assignor hereby covenants and agrees that the Assignor will at any time upon the request and at the expense of the Assignee execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention and to obtain Letters Patent therefor, and the Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the Assignee in accordance with this Agreement.

I covenant with said assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance, and that I have full right to convey the same as herein expressed.

Signed at Mississauga, Ontario (L.S.) this 15th day of May, 2001.

[Signature]
Steven W. Ballem

Signed in our presence and acknowledged to be an assignment of the application (invention) hereinabove referred to

May 15, 01
Date

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Witness

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Date

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Witness

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