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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies) Name: Bently Nevada Corporation Internal Address: 1631 Bently Parkway South Minden, Nevada 89423 Street Address: same as above City: State: Zip: Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? No

3. Nature of conveyance: Assignment Merger Security Agreement Change of Name Other Execution Date: May 29, 2001 and May 31, 2001

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: A. Patent Application No.(s) 09/259,243 B. Patent No.(s) Additional numbers attached? No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed: Name: Dennis A. DeBoo Internal Address: DeBoo & Company 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 900 Sacramento, California 95814 Street Address: same as above City: State: Zip:

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 7 7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41): \$ 40.00 Enclosed Authorized to be charged to deposit account 8. Deposit account number: 50-0939 (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)

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ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, we, **Robert Nikkels** and **Dave Van Den Berg**, did file an application in the United States for an improvement in a **Apparatus and Method for Precluding Fluid Wicking**, herewith,

WHEREAS, we are now the sole owners of said Patent Application; and

WHEREAS, **Bently Nevada Corporation**, of **1631 Bently Parkway South, Minden, Nevada 89423**, a **Nevada corporation**, is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and other good and valuable considerations, we, **Robert Nikkels** and **Dave Van Den Berg**, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said **Bently Nevada Corporation**, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said Patent Application, and all original and reissued Patents granted therefore, and all divisions and continuations thereof, including the subject-matter of any and all claims which may be obtained in every such Patent, and the right to apply for and obtain Patents, Utility Model Registrations and Inventor's Certificates in countries foreign to the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent, Utility Model Registration or Inventor's Certificate which may be granted thereon in such foreign countries, including all priority rights under the International Convention associated therewith for each country of the Union, and authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue Patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue the said Letters Patent, Utility Model Registration or Inventor's Certificate to the said **Bently Nevada Corporation**, its successors, assigns, nominees or their legal representatives, as assignee of the entire interest, and we covenant that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned and that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith, and agree that we will communicate to said **Bently Nevada Corporation**, its successors, assigns, nominees or their legal representatives all facts know to me respecting said invention, whenever requested, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and do all lawful acts

requisite for the application for such divisional, continuing or reissue applications, or the procuring thereof, and that if and when said representatives desire to file a disclaimer relating thereto, we will, upon request, sign all lawful papers requisite for the filing of such disclaimer, and we further covenant and agree that we will, at any time upon request, do everything legally possible to aid said **Bently Nevada Corporation**, its successors, assigns, nominees or other legal representatives, either in its or their own name, to apply for, obtain and enforce Patent, Utility Model and/or Inventor's Certificate protection for said improvements in all countries, all without further consideration, but at the expense of said **Bently Nevada Corporation**, its successors, assigns, nominees, or other legal representatives.

Executed this 31ST day of May, 2001
at Minden, Nevada

[Signature]

Robert Nikkels

State of Nevada }

} SS:

Country of Douglas }

On May 31ST, 2001, before me, Bonnie Steres, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared **Robert Nikkels**, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

[Signature]

NOTARY PUBLIC



Executed this 29TH day of MAY, 2001

at MINDEN, NEVADA

~~Dave Van Den Berg~~
Dave Van Den Berg

State of Nevada }

SS:

Country of Douglas }

On 29TH of May, 2001, before me, Bonnie STERES, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared **Dave Van Den Berg**, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Bonnie Steres

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned assignee, **Bently Nevada Corporation**, of **1631 Bently Parkway South, Minden, Nevada 89423**, hereby appoints:

Dennis A. DeBoo, Reg. No. 42,471

400 Capitol Mall, Suite 900

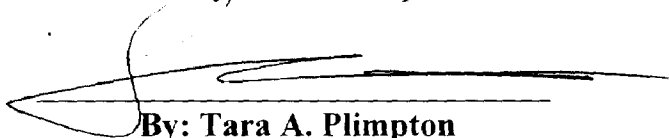
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as agent to prosecute and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected with the application on an **Apparatus and Method for Precluding Fluid Wicking**, Agent's Ref.: 29060-pa, and to receive or make payments on its behalf.

Signature of the assignee:

Bently Nevada Corporation

Date: 7 June 2001



By: Tara A. Plimpton
Its: Corporate Counsel