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**IDENTIFICATION OF APPLICATION(S) AND/OR PATENT(S)  
FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) RECORDAL**  
(37 C.F.R. § 3.21 and 37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(4))

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. § 3.21.

NOTE: § 3.21 does not apply to documents other than assignment. Notice of June 24, 1992 (1140 O.G. 63-72 at 67).

1. This assignment is for the following patent application and/or issued patent:

National application: AN: 0 9 / 432,900 filed on 11/02/1999

Provisional application: / filed on

International application: PCT/ /

Patent No: Issued:

(complete if applicable) which was previously assigned and recorded

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NOTE: If an assignment of a patent application filed under § 1.53(b) is executed concurrently with, or subsequent to, the execution of the patent application, but before the patent application is filed, it must identify the patent application by its date of execution, name of each inventor, and title of the invention so that there can be no mistake as to the patent application intended. If an assignment of a provisional application under § 1.53(c) is executed before the provisional application is filed, it must identify the provisional application by name of each inventor and title of the invention so that there can be no mistake as to the provisional application intended. 37 C.F.R. § 3.21.

(also complete the following, if applicable)

- ☐ and also for the applications and/or patents  
shown on the attached list of FURTHER  
APPLICATION(S) and/or PATENT(S) BEING ASSIGNED

Number of pages added \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: "Where there is a listing of properties contained within a document, any listing may be copied and attached to the cover sheet to reduce the amount of typing necessary. A notation of this attachment can be made in lieu of entering every property identification number on the cover sheet. Notice of June 24, 1992 (1140 O.G. 63-72 at 67).

**TOTAL NUMBER OF APPLICATIONS AND/OR PATENTS  
AND TOTAL FEE**

NOTE: All requests to record documents must be accompanied by the appropriate fee; a fee is required for each application or patent against which the document is recorded as identified in the cover sheet. The recording fee is set in § 1.21(h). 37 C.F.R. § 3.41.

2. A. The total number of applications and/or patents identified in this cover sheet is

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B. The total fee is (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)):

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Total number of applications  
and/or patents

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C. Payment of fee is made by:

☒ the attached check for \$ \$40.00

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the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

A duplicate of this cover sheet is attached.

Please charge Account \_\_\_\_\_ for any fee deficiency or credit to account any overpayment.

**NAME OF PARTY(IES) CONVEYING INTEREST**

(37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(1))

*NOTE: "The term 'party' as used in this rule [§ 3.31] means the person whose name appears on the documents to be recorded, that person's attorney or registered agent, or a corporate officer where a corporation's name appears on the documents." Notice of June 24, 1992 (1140 O.G. 63-72, at 65); M.P.E.P. § 302.07, 6th ed.*

3. The party(ies) conveying interest is (are):

Name 1: Patrick E. O'Rourke

Name 2: William R. Toole, Jr.

Name 3:

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY(IES) RECEIVING INTEREST**

(37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(2))

4. The rights are being conveyed to:

Name: Equitech Int'l Corporation

Address: 1359 Silver Bluff Rd., Suite G-6

Aiken, SC 29803

**DESCRIPTION OF INTEREST CONVEYED OR  
TRANSACTION RECORDED (37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(3) )**

5. The accompanying document intends to accomplish:

- ☒ an assignment.
- ☐ a security agreement.
- ☐ a merger.
- ☐ a license.
- ☐ a change of name.
- ☐ a change of address.
- ☐ other:

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY TO WHOM  
CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE MAILED (37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(5) )**

6. Please address correspondence to:

Name: Maria Reichmanis

Address: P.O. Box 3306  
Aiken, SC 29802

Telephone No.: ( 803 ) 641-1900

**DATE ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) EXECUTED  
(37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(7) )**

7. A. ☐ The attached assignment (document) was executed \_\_\_\_\_  
on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

NOTE: If there is more than one conveying party who executed on different dates, indicate the date of execution of the assignment document for each conveying party.

B. ☒ The attached assignment was executed by Patrick E. O'Rourke  
on 06/22/2001  
Date

☒ The attached assignment was executed by William R. Toole, Jr.  
on 06/22/2001  
Date

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## LANGUAGE OF ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO BE RECORDED

NOTE: "The Office will accept and record non-English language documents only if accompanied by an English translation signed by the individual making the translation." 37 C.F.R. § 3.26.

8. The attached document:

- ☒ is in the English language.
- ☐ is not in the English language and an English translation signed by the individual making the translation is attached.

## ORIGINAL DOCUMENT OR TRUE COPY SUBMITTED

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. § 3.24.

9. Submitted herewith is:

- ☒ the original document.
- ☐ a true copy of the original document, which I certify to be a true copy.

NOTE: "If the original [assignment] document is two-sided or the wrong size, the practitioner can comply with the requirement [set out in 37 C.F.R. § 3.24] by providing a true copy of the original document using only one side of each page on the correct size paper." Notice of June 24, 1992, 1140 O.G. 63-76, at 67.

NOTE: "Certification shall be made by the person submitting a copy of an original document that the document submitted is a true copy of the original. The certification is not required to be in an oath or declaration form." M.P.E.P., 6th ed., § 302.01.

## ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO RECORD CHANGE OF ADDRESS

(check item, if applicable)

10. ☐ Because the purpose of the attached documents is to record a change of address of the assignee, the particulars of the previously recorded assignments for each application and/or patent are shown.

## ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) TO RECORD CHANGE OF NAME

(check item, if applicable)

11. ☐ Because the purpose of the attached documents is to record a change of name of the assignee, the particulars of the previously recorded assignments for each application and/or patent are shown.

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# CHANGE OF PATENT MAINTENANCE FEE ADDRESS

(check item, if applicable)

12. ☐ A change of address to which correspondence is to be sent regarding patent maintenance fees is being sent to the Office separately.

## STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(9)) AND SIGNATURE (37 C.F.R. § 3.31(a)(10))

13. To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

NOTE: "The term 'party' as used in this rule [§ 3.31] means the person whose name appears on the documents to be recorded, that person's attorney or registered agent, or a corporate officer where a corporation's name appears on the document." Notice of June 24, 1992, 1140 O.G. 63-76, at 65; M.P.E.P. § 302.07, 6th ed.

Date:

07/19/2001

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of party submitting document

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of party submitting document

(complete the following, if the party submitting the  
document is applicant's attorney)

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PRACTITIONER

Maria Reichmanis

\_\_\_\_\_  
(type or print name of practitioner)

P.O. Box 3306

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Aiken, SC 29802

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14. The total number of pages being submitted, including cover sheet attachment(s), and documents are:

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In consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE to ASSIGNOR of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable consideration,

[illegible]

hereby sells, assigns and transfers to

ASSIGNEE:

Equitech Int'l Corporation  
(type or print name of ASSIGNEE)  
USA  
Nationality

1359 Silver Bluff Rd., Suite G-6  
Address  
Aiken, SC 29803

and the successors, assigns and legal representatives of the ASSIGNEE

(complete one of the following)

- ☒ the entire right, title and interest  
☐ an undivided \_\_\_\_\_ percent ( \_\_\_\_\_ %) interest

for the United States and its territorial possessions

(check the following box, if foreign rights are also to be assigned)

☒ and in all foreign countries, including all rights to claim priority  
in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the invention entitled:

Fiber Optic Probe and Coupler Assembly

(check and complete (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), or (g))

and which is found in (37 C.F.R. § 3.21)

- (a) ☐ U.S. patent application executed on even date herewith  
(b) ☐ U.S. patent application executed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) ☐ U.S. provisional application naming the above inventor(s) for the above-entitled invention  
☐ Express mail label no.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ To comply with 37 C.F.R. § 3.21 for recordal of this assignment, I, an ASSIGNOR signing below, hereby authorize and request my attorney to insert below the filing date and application number when they become known.  
(d) ☒ U.S. application no. 9 / 432,900 filed on 11/02/1999  
(e) ☐ International application no. PCT / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(f) ☐ U.S. patent no. \_\_\_\_\_ issued \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ A change of address to which correspondence is to be sent regarding patent maintenance fees is being sent separately.

(check (g), if foreign application(s) is also being assigned)

- (g) ☒ and any legal equivalent thereof in a foreign country, including the right to claim priority

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and, in and to, all Letters Patent to be obtained for said invention by the above application or any continuation, division, renewal, or substitute thereof, and as to letters patent any reissue or re-examination thereof.

ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this assignment.

ASSIGNOR further covenants that ASSIGNEE will, upon its request, be provided promptly with all pertinent facts and documents relating to said invention and said Letters Patent and legal equivalents as may be known and accessible to ASSIGNOR and will testify as to the same in any interference, litigation or proceeding related thereto and will promptly execute and deliver to ASSIGNEE or its legal representatives any and all papers, instruments or affidavits required to apply for, obtain, maintain, issue and enforce said application, said invention and said Letters Patent and said equivalents thereof which may be necessary or desirable to carry out the purposes thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set hand and seal this 6/22/01  
Date of signing

**WARNING:** The date of signing must be the same as the date of execution of the application, if item (a) was checked above.

Patrick E. O'Rourke

(type name of inventor)

William R. Toole, Jr.

Patrick E. O'Rourke

Signature of INVENTOR

William R. Toole, Jr.

☐ Notarization or Legalization Page Added.

NOTE: No witnessing, notarization or legalization is necessary. If the assignment is notarized or legalized then it will only be *prima facie* evidence of execution. 35 U.S.C. § 261. Use next page if notarization is desired.

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