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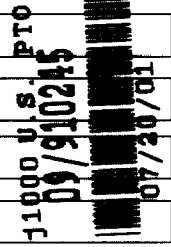
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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, F. Harold Hollister, a resident of Richmond, Texas, Jason P. Curtiss, III., a resident of Houston, Texas and Frank B. Springett, a resident of Houston, Texas (hereinafter referred to as "Assignors"), are the inventors of a certain new and useful invention relating to a BOP OPERATING SYSTEM WITH QUICK DUMP VALVE for which Assignors are about to make application for Letters Patent in the United States, said application being dated the same date as this Assignment; and

WHEREAS, Assignors are the owners and in full possession of the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefor; and

WHEREAS, Gilmore Valve Co., a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Texas, having its principal office and place of business at 1231 Lumpkin Road, Houston, Texas 77043, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefor; and

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (U.S. \$1.00) and other valuable considerations to Assignors paid by said Assignee, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignors do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any and all Letters Patent, both United States and foreign, that may be granted therefor, together with any and all continuations, divisions, or reissues, and Assignors do hereby authorize and request the United States

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue in accordance with this Assignment any and all Letters Patent that may be granted, either on said application or otherwise for said invention.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Assignors have hereunto set there hands and seals.

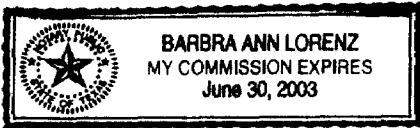
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F. Harold Hollister  
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On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared F. Harold Hollister to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto attached my hand and notarial seal, at the County and State aforesaid on the day and year last above written.

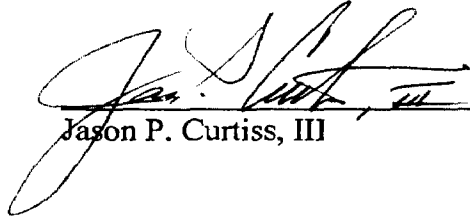


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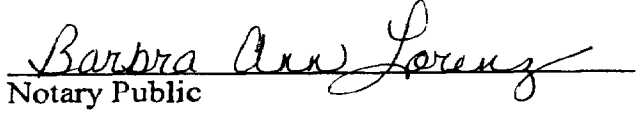
  
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On this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Jason P. Curtiss, III to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

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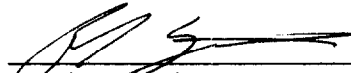


  
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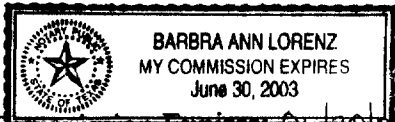
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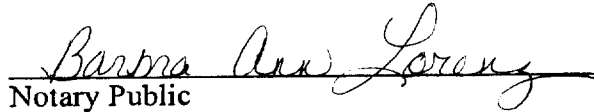
  
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