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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION (NOT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION)

WHEREAS, Gordon M. Smith, hereinafter sometimes referred to as "said Inventor", a citizen of the United States of America, whose post office address is: No. 7 Beaver Creek Estates, Brookshire, Texas 77423, has invented certain new and useful improvements in: "LOAD-PROFILE COMPENSATING STUFFING-BOX PACKING SYSTEM FOR VALVES", for which I have executed an application for United States Letters Patent the same day I have executed this assignment, which invention (hereinafter referred to as "Invention") has been disclosed to and filed, under Docket No. GV99-3, and which invention is covered by patent application Serial No. 09/624,433 filed July 24, 2000;

WHEREAS, General Valve, Inc., a corporation of the State of California, having a business address of 800 Koomey Road, Brookshire, Texas 77423, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements, and the said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I, Gordon M. Smith, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said General Valve, Inc., its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements, and all rights of priority thereto pursuant to the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, and the said

applications and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patents which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents 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 the said **General Valve, Inc.**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND, I hereby covenant that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND, I hereby further covenant and agree that I will communicate to the said General Valve, Inc., its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid said General Valve, Inc., its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this of July, 2000. State of Texas

County of Waller On this 18th day of July, 2000 before me Gordon M. Smith (Notary Public) personally appeared Gordon M. Smith, personally known to me or who 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. (SEAL)

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