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Gordon M. Smith

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Name: General Valve, Inc.

Internal Address: 800 Koomey Road

Brookshire, Texas 77423

Street Address: same as above

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

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1 applications and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters
2 Patents which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries
3 foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I
4 hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and
5 any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to
6 issue patents on applications as aforesaid to the said **General Valve, Inc.**, its
7 successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this
8 instrument.

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

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

1 **IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day
2 of July, 2000.

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9 State of Texas }
10 County of Waller } ss.

11 On this 18th day of July, 2000 before me Gordon M. Smith (Notary
12 Public) personally appeared **Gordon M. Smith**, personally known to me or who proved
13 to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed
14 to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his
15 authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person or the entity
16 upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument. WITNESS my hand
17 and official seal.

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19 (Notary Public)



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