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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, **YANO GIKEN CO., LTD.**, a corporation of Japan, located and doing business at 1-3-2700, Umeda 1-chome, Kita-ku, Osaka, Japan (hereinafter called "Assignor"), is the sole and exclusive owner, by assignment (Reel/Frame 7947/0292), of United States Letters Patent No. 5,806,896, issued September 15, 1998, and entitled "Fluid Transport Pipe Joint"; and

WHEREAS, **WATERWORKS TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION CO., LTD.**, a corporation of Japan, located and doing business at 1-3-2700, Umeda 1-chome, Kita-ku, Osaka, Japan (hereinafter called "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the right, title, and interest in and to said United States Letters Patent and the inventions covered thereby.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor has sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to Assignee United States Letters Patent No. 5,806,896, and any continuations, divisionals and reissues thereof, and the inventions covered thereby, the same to be held and enjoyed by Assignee for its own use and enjoyment, and for the use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, to the end of the term for which the said patent is granted or reissued as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor, if this assignment and sale had not been made; together with all claims for damages by reason of past infringement of said patent, with the right to sue for and collect the same for its own use and enjoyment, and for use and enjoyment of its successors, assigns or other legal representatives.

AND, Assignor hereby authorizes and requests the United States Commissioner for Patents to record this assignment to Assignee of the entire interest, and hereby covenants that it has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that it has not executed, and will not execute, any agreements inconsistent therewith.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignor has caused this assignment to be executed effective the 26th day of July, 2001.

YANO GIKEN CO., LTD.

By: Masatoshi Yano
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