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To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents



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Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG

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Name: Hansgrohe AG

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29/106,543

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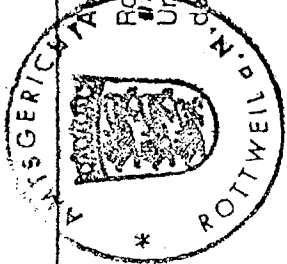
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a) Name b) Headquarters c) object of company	Capital stock or nominal capital DM	Executive board General partner Associate Manager Transactor	Proxy	Legal relationship	a) Date of registration and signature b) remarks
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a) Hans Grohe AG b) Schiltach c) Object of the company is the manufacture and the sale of goods made of metal, sanitary technical implementations of all kind and associated products as well as services in sanitary technical domains	DM 76,000,000.--	Klaus Grohe born 03.04.1937, Schiltach, President, Siegfried Gänßlen, born 30.01.1946, Alpirsbach, Vice president Karl-Heinz Hamann, born 22.01.1951, Schiltach, Member of the executive board Otto Schinle, born 13.04.1949, Schiltach, Member of the executive board	Proxy, authorised signer with an other proxy Gerhard Blust, born 04.02.1939, Schiltach Hans-Werner Wolbar, born 08.04.1942, Schiltach Norbert Ritter, born 18.01.1948, Schiltach	Joint stock company coming into being after the conversion according to §§ 190 ff UmwG (law concerning the conversion of a partnership into a company) of the company Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG, with headquarters at Schiltach, registered at the Trade Register – County Court Oberndorf – under the registration number HRA 406 Ob, after the reorganisation had been voted on August 19, 1999. The legal bearer is still existent in the new defined legal form according to § 202, subsection UmwG (law concerning the conversion of a partnership into a company). The executive board operates with two or more members. The supervising board appoints the members of the executive board and defines their number. The supervising board is allowed to appoint the president of the executive board and its vice-president. In case only one member of the executive board is appointed, this member is the sole representative of the company. In case several members of the executive board are appointed, the company is represented through two members of the executive board or through one member of the executive board together with a proxy. The supervising board is allowed to entrust all members of the executive board or some members individually with individual representation warrants.	a) n the 10 <sup>th</sup> September 1999 signed Nemann Counsel Court Clerk b) Articles of association Page 2B Sdb HRA 406 Ob
				Klaus Grohe is always the sole representation of the company.	Column G has been supplemented October, 4 <sup>th</sup> 1999 signed Nemann Counsel Court Clerk

PATENT

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a) Firmen- b) Sitz c) Gegenstand des Unternehmens	Grundkapital oder Stammkapital DM	Vorstand Personen haltende Gesellschafter Geschäftsführer Abwickler	Prokura	Rechtsverhältnisse	a) Tag der Eintragung und Unterschrift b) Bemerkungen
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<p>a) Hansgrohe AG</p> <p>b) Schiltach</p> <p>Gegenstand des Unternehmens ist die Herstellung und der Vertrieb von Metallwaren, sanitärtechnischen Einrichtungen jeglicher Art und verwandten Artikeln sowie Dienstleistungen im sanitärtechnischen Bereich.</p>	<p>DM 76.000.000,-</p>	<p>Klaus Grohe, geb. 03.04.1937, Schiltach, Vorsitzender des Vorstands, Siegfried Gählen, geb. 30.01.1946, Alpirsbach, stellvertretender Vorsitzender des Vorstands, Karl-Heinz Hamann, geb. 22.01.1951, Schiltach, Mitglied des Vorstands, Otto Schinle, geb. 13.04.1946, Schiltach, Mitglied des Vorstands</p>	<p>geb. Gesamtprokuristen, vertreten durch Klaus Grohe, geb. 03.04.1937, Schiltach, rechtmäßig mit einem weiteren Prokuristen: Gerhard Blust, geb. 04.02.1939, Schiltach, Hans-Werner Holber, geb. 08.04.1942, stellvertretender Prokurist, Norbert Ritter, geb. 18.01.1940, Schiltach.</p>	<p>Aktiengesellschaft entstanden durch Formwechsel gemäß §§ 190 ff. UmwG der im Handelsregister -Amtsgerichtsbezirk Oberndorf- unter HRA 406 0b eingetragenen Firma Hans Grohe GmbH &amp; Co. KG mit dem Sitz in Schiltach aufgrund des Umwandlungsbeschlusses vom 19. August 1999. Der formwechselnde Rechtsträger besteht in der neu bestellten Rechtsform fort, § 202 Abs. 1 UmwG.</p> <p>Der Vorstand besteht aus einem oder mehreren Mitgliedern. Der Aufsichtsrat bestellt die Vorstandsmitglieder und bestimmt ihre Zahl. Der Aufsichtsrat kann einen Vorsitzenden des Vorstands sowie stellvertretenden Vorsitzenden ernennen.</p> <p>Ist nur ein Vorstandsmitglied bestellt, so vertritt dieses die Gesellschaft allein. Bei mehreren Vorstandsmitgliedern erfolgt die Vertretung der Gesellschaft durch zwei Vorstandsmitglieder oder durch ein Vorstandsmitglied in Gemeinschaft mit einem Prokuristen. Der Aufsichtsrat kann allen oder einzelnen Vorstandsmitgliedern Einzelvertretungsbefugnisse erteilen.</p>	<p>a) Den 10. Sept. 1999 Hamann Anterac</p> <p>b) Satzung Bl. 28 Sbd. HRA 406 0b</p>
				<p>Klaus Grohe vertritt die Gesellschaft stets allein.</p>	<p>Spalte 6 ergänzt Den 4. Oktober 1999 Hamann Anterac</p>
				<p>Avsgefertigt - Beglaubigt Rottweil, den 26. 10. 99 Urundsbeamter der Geschäftsstelle des Amtsgerichts</p> 	

A S S I G N M E N T

WHEREAS I, Philippe Starck

citizen of France

residing at

27, Rue Pierre Poli, F-92130 Issy-Les-Moulineaux, France

have made an invention for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States on and entitled SANITARY SLIDE BAR WITH HAND SHOWER.

WHEREAS Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG

organized and existing under the laws of the Federal Republic of Germany, and having its principal office for the transaction of business at Auestrasse 9, D-77761 Schiltach, Germany is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any improvements thereon, and in and to the said application for Letters Patent therefore, and any Letters Patent which may be obtained therefore;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that for and in consideration of the equivalent sum of One Dollar (\$ 1.00), lawful money of the United States, to me in hand paid by said Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG and other valuable considerations unto me moving from said Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the said Philippe Starck have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and by these presents, do sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention as set forth and described in the specification forming part of said United States patent application and any and all improvements thereon, and in and

to any division, continuation or continuation-in-part thereof, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States, which may be on any of said applications, and any reissues thereof, and in and to any and all applications for Letters Patent filed in foreign countries for said invention or improvements including all priority rights and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in foreign countries therefore, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all said Letters Patent may be granted.

AND I, the said, Philippe Starck  
do hereby authorize and request the Commisioner of Patents to issue the said Letter Patent of the United States to Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of said Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG its successors and assigns;

AND I, the said Philippe Starck  
for the consideration aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG its successors and assigns, that we have the full power to make this assignment, and that the rights assigned are not encumbered by any grant, license or right heretofore given, and that we, our executors or administrators, shall and will do all lawful acts and things and make, execute and deliver, without further compensation, any and all other instruments in writing, further applications, papers, affidavits, powers of attorney, assignments and other documents which, in the opinion of counsels for said Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary more effectively to secure to and vest in said Hans Grohe GmbH & Co. KG its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements, applications, Letters Patent, **rights, titles, benefits, privileges and advantages hereby**

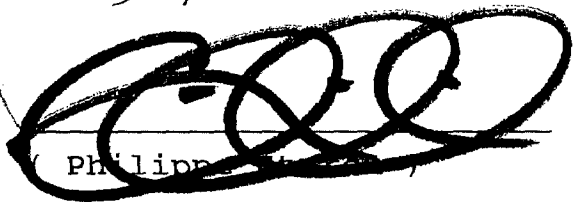
sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed; and that we will sign any applications for reissues which may be desired by the owner of the patent or patents which may be issued for the said invention or improvements.

Assignors authorize assignee's attorneys to insert herein the serial number, filing date, execution date and/or other information necessary or helpful to properly identify the property assigned, and to facilitate recordation of this Assignment:

Serial No. 29/106,543, filed June 17, 1999.

Subscribed and executed at X Paris

on X 15 Novembre 1999

X  Philippe

B. Devenne  
(Witness) DEVENNE

E. Laval  
(Witness) LAVAL