



U.S. Patent No. 5,172,729

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, ARDEN FINANZ AG, a company organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of Switzerland with a place of business at Baarerstrasse 8 CH-6300, Zug, Switzerland, has title to and owns U.S. Patent No. 5,172,729 issued on December 22, 1992, entitled "Expansion Hose For The Reduction Of Pressure Pulsations", the assignment from the inventor Edoardo Vantellini to ARDEN FINANZ AG having been executed on September 18, 1992 and having been recorded in the United States Patent Office on September 29, 1992 at Reel 6329, Frame 279; and

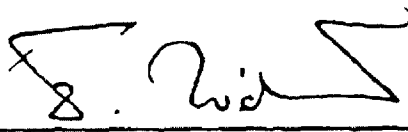
WHEREAS, CONTI-TECH TECHNO-CHEMIE GmbH, a company organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of Germany with a place of business at Dieselstrasse 4, D 61184 Karben, Germany, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention or inventions as defined in U.S. Patent No. 5,172,729;

NOW, THEREFORE, ARDEN FINANZ AG hereby sells, assigns, transfers and sets over unto CONTI-TECH TECHNO-CHEMIE GmbH its legal representatives, successors and assigns for good and valuable consideration the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention or inventions as set forth in U.S. Patent No. 5,172,729; and further hereby affirms CONTI-TECH TECHNO-CHEMIE GmbH's entitlement to the right, title and interest in and to the invention or inventions as set forth in U.S. Patent No. 5,172,729 and that all rights, power and benefits to such as

having belonged or accrued in ARDEN FINANZ AG are held by and invested in CONTI-TECH TECHNO-CHEMIE GmbH including any cause of action for past infringement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ARDEN FINANZ AG has caused this assignment to be executed by its proper officer thereunder duly authorized this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2001.

ARDEN FINANZ AG

By:   
Name: ERNST A. WIDMER  
Title: Sole Member of the Board