

ASSIGNMENT

File No. DIXO-6-C

Perfecting Services, Inc. of Charlotte, North Carolina owner of U. S. Letters Patent No. 5,092,364, issued March 3, 1992 entitled Quick-Action Fluid Coupling and U.S. Letters Patent No. 5,255,714, issued October 26, 1993 entitled Quick-Action Fluid Coupling; and WHEREAS, Perfecting Coupling Company, a corporation of the State of North Carolina, of Charlotte, North Carolina, hereinafter called "Assignee", is desirous of acquiring the title, rights, benefits and privileges hereinafter recited, and of confirming the same or any part thereof heretofore acquired by Assignee;

NOW THEREFORE, for valuable consideration furnished by Assignee to me, receipt and sufficiency of which I hereby acknowledge, I hereby, without reservation:

1. Assign and convey to and confirm in Assignee the entire right, title and interest in and to said inventions and discoveries, said applications for Letters Patent on said inventions, discoveries in whatsoever countries, including all divisional, renewal, substitute, continuation and Convention applications based in whole or in part upon said inventions or discoveries or upon said applications, and any and all Letters Patent and reissues and extensions of Letters Patent granted for said inventions and discoveries or upon said applications, and every priority right that is or may be predicated upon or arise from said inventions, said discoveries, said applications and said Letters Patent;

2. Authorize Assignee to file patent applications in any or all countries on any or all of said inventions and discoveries in my name or in the name of Assignee or otherwise as Assignee may deem advisable, under the International Convention or otherwise;

3. Authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States of America and the empowered officials of all other governments to issue or transfer all said Letters Patent to Assignee, as assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein or otherwise as Assignee may direct;

4. Warrant that I have not knowingly conveyed to others any right in said inventions, discoveries, applications or patents or any license to use the same or to make, use or sell anything embodying or utilizing any of said inventions or discoveries; and that I have good right to assign the same to Assignee without encumbrance;

5. Bind my heirs and legal representatives, as well as myself, to do, upon Assignee's request and at its expense, but without additional consideration to me or them, all acts reasonably serving to assure that the said inventions and discoveries, the said patent applications and the said Letters Patent shall be held and enjoyed by Assignee as fully and entirely as the same could have been held and enjoyed by me or my heirs or representatives, if this assignment had not been made; and particularly to execute and deliver to Assignee all lawful application documents, disclaimers, and lawful affidavits in form and substance as may be requested by Assignee; to communicate to Assignee all facts known to me relating to said inventions and discoveries or the history thereof; and to furnish Assignee with any and all documents, photographs, models, samples and other physical exhibits in my control or in the control of my heirs or legal representatives and which may be useful for establishing the facts of my conceptions, disclosures, and reduction to practice of said inventions and discoveries.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

PERFECTING SERVICES, INC.

Date ✓ 1/3/2002

Anthony J. Frascella
Name: ✓ ANTHONY J. FRASCELLA
Title: ✓ VICE PRESIDENT

State of Maryland)
County of Kent) ss:

On this 3rd day of January, 2002, before me appeared Anthony J. Frascella to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

[Signature]
Notary Public

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