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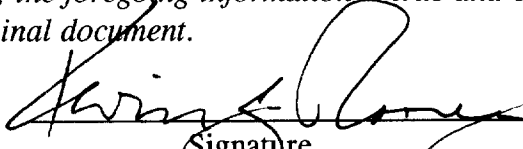
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ASSIGNMENT OF INVENTION

WHEREAS, I, as a below named inventor, residing at the address stated next to my name, am a sole or joint inventor as indicated below, of certain new and useful improvements in a PRESSURE VESSEL HAVING ELECTROMECHANICAL LATCHING MECHANISM as fully disclosed in an application for Patent so entitled and (check one)

- executed by us on even date herewith
- filed by me (us) on October 7, 1999, as Serial No. 09/413,927 preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent of the United States therefor; and

AND WHEREAS, Barnstead/Thermolyne Corporation, a Delaware corporation with offices at 2555 Kerper Boulevard, Dubuque, Iowa 52001 (hereinafter referenced as ASSIGNEE) is desirous of acquiring all interest in, to and under said invention, said application disclosing the invention and in, to and under any Letters Patent or similar legal protection which may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I, as a sole or joint inventor as indicated below, by these presents do hereby assign, sell and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest in the said invention, said application, including any divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States, and countries foreign thereto, which may be granted for said invention, and in and to any and all priority rights and/or convention rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, Inter-American Convention Relating to Patents, Designs and Industrial Models, and any other international agreements to which the United States of America adheres, and to any other benefits accruing or to accrue to me with respect to the filing of applications for patents or securing of patents in the United States and countries foreign thereto, and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue the said United States Letters Patent to said ASSIGNEE, as the assignees of the whole right, title and interest thereto.

And I further agree to execute all necessary or desirable and lawful future documents, including assignments in favor of ASSIGNEE or its designee, as ASSIGNEE or its successors, assigns and legal representatives may from time-to-time present to me and without further remuneration, in order to perfect title in said invention, modifications, and improvements in said invention, applications and Letters Patent of the United States and countries foreign thereto.

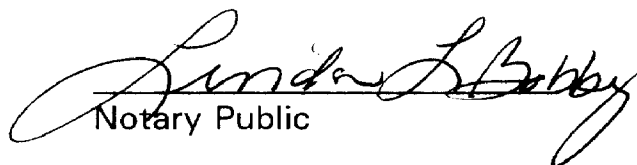
In Witness Whereof, I hereto set my hand this 12 day of March, 2002.


Jason A. Harms

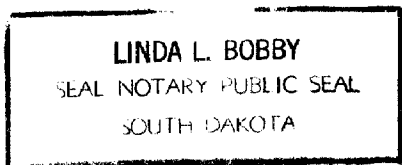
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Before me this 12 day of March, 2002, personally appeared Jason A. Harms, a citizen of U.S.A. residing in Dubuque, Iowa 52001 and particularly at 610 Cooper Place, #206, known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Assignment and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed for the purposes therein contained.


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