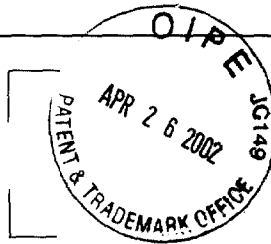


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## PATENT ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, the undersigned, **HEINER OPHARDT**, whose full post office address is 3931 Vineland Crescent, Vineland, Ontario, L0R 2C0, Canada,

Hereby sell, assign and transfer to **HYGIENE-TECHNIK INC.**, a corporation of Ontario, Canada, having a place of business at 4743 Christie Drive, Beamsville, Ontario, L0R 1B4, Canada, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest for the United States, Canada and all foreign countries, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patents, which has been executed by the undersigned concurrently herewith (enclosed), and entitled "**Vacuum Relief Device**" and in and to said application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other applications for Letters Patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States, Canada and all foreign countries on any of said improvements; and in and to all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States, Canada and all foreign countries on said improvements;

Agree that said Assignee may apply for and receive Letters Patent for said improvements in its own name; and that, when requested, without charge to but at the expense of said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue, and all other patent applications on any and all said improvements; execute all rightful oaths, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to said Assignee, its successors, assigns, and representatives, all facts known to the undersigned relating to said improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which said Assignee, its successors, assigns or representatives shall consider desirable for aiding in securing and maintaining proper patent protection for said improvements and for patents and all patents on said improvements, in said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives; and

Covenant with said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives that no assignment, grant, mortgage, licence or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by the undersigned, and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned.

  
HEINER OPHARDT

EXECUTED at Beamsville, Ontario, Canada, this 23 day of April, 2002.

#### DECLARATION OF WITNESS

I, BRIAN HUNZIGER, hereby declare that I was personally present and did see Heiner Ophardt duly sign and execute the foregoing assignment.

  
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