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<p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:</p> <p>Name: <u>Richard G. Besha</u></p> <p>Internal Address: _____</p> <p>Street Address: <u>Nixon &amp; Vanderhye P.C.</u> <u>1100 North Glebe Road</u> <u>8<sup>th</sup> Floor</u></p> <p>City: <u>Arlington</u> State: <u>VA</u> Zip: <u>22201</u></p>	<p>6. Total number of applications &amp; patents involved: <u>1</u></p> <p>7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ <u>40.00</u>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed  <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account #14-1140</p> <p>8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any <u>deficiency</u>, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper thereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our <b>Account No. 14-1140</b>.</p>
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To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Richard G. Besha      *Richard Besha*      June 11, 2002  
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we the undersigned, Massimo CAMATTI and Andrea BERNOCCHI of CASALGUIDI (Pistoia), Italy and ANTELLA (Florence), Italy respectively

have invented a certain new and useful invention entitled "Balancing piston for centrifugal compressors with a seal with small cells which have divergent play"; and

WHEREAS, NUOVO PIGNONE HOLDING S.p.A., a corporation of Italy having a place of business at Via F. Matteucci, 2 - FLORENCE, Italy

(hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and Letters Patent in any and all foreign countries which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said Assignee, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, as described in the patent application filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on \_\_\_\_\_, given Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, and entitled "Balancing piston for centrifugal compressors with a seal with small cells which have divergent play"

and in and to all patents of the United States and in any and all foreign countries which may be issued for said invention, as fully and completely as the same would have been held by us had this Assignment and sale not been made. The said entire right, title and interest shall vest irrevocably in said Assignee.

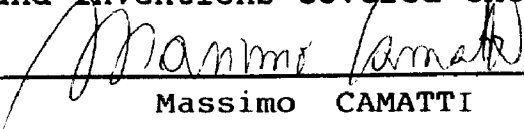
We further agree upon request, without additional compensation but at no expense to ourselves, to execute or assent to foreign applications, and to execute all other legal documents as may be necessary or desirable to vest the enjoyment of the rights hereby transferred in said Assignee, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, or as the said company may direct.

The Attorney of Record is hereby authorized to insert the Serial Number and filing date in the above blank spaces when received from the Patent and Trademark Office.

We hereby request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued for said invention to the said Assignee, its legal representatives, successors and assigns, as the sole owner of the entire right, title and interest in and to said patents and inventions covered thereby.

12/04/02

Date

  
Massimo CAMATTI

12/04/02

Date

  
Andrea BERNOCCHI