

ASSIGNMENT
(Joint Inventors)

WHEREAS, we, Andrew L. Patrius, Jr. and Stephen P. Porter, (hereinafter referred to as Assignors), residing respectively at 822 Force, Attica, Michigan 48412 and 7807 Linden Drive, Almont, Michigan 48003 have invented new and useful improvements in

ONE WAY ANTI-BACKFLOW VALVE

which is set forth in an application for Letters Patent in the United States filed March 18, 2002 claiming the benefit of U.S. provisional patent application Serial No. 60/136,469 filed May 28, 1999 and U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/578,773 filed May 25, 2000.

AND WHEREAS, Ligon Brothers Manufacturing Company, (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), of 3776 Van Dyke, Almont, Michigan 48003 is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and said Letters Patent of the United States, and in and to any Letters Patent or Patents, United States or foreign, to be obtained therefor and thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern, that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Assignors have assigned, sold and set over, and by these presents assign, sell and set over unto the Assignee, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, for the territory of the United States of America and all foreign countries, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention, said application for Letters Patent, including the right to file foreign patent applications corresponding to said application, and the right to claim the priority date of said United States patent application and any legal equivalents thereof, and any and all Letters Patent or Patents in the United States of America and all foreign countries which may be granted therefor and thereon, and to any and all divisions, continuations, and continuations-in-part of said application, or re-issues or extensions of said Letters Patent or Patents prepared and executed by Assignors on even date herewith, the same to be held and enjoyed by the Assignee, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the Assignors had this Assignment and sale not been made.

AND the Assignors hereby covenant and agree that the Assignors will at any time upon the request and at the expense of the Assignee execute and deliver any and all papers and do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title to said invention and to obtain

Letters Patent therefor, and the Assignors hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to the said Assignee in accordance with this Agreement.


IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix my seal at _____, in the State of Michigan, this 28 day of March, 2002.



Andrew L. Patrius, Jr.


STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF MACOMB)

Before me personally appeared said Andrew L. Patrius, Jr., the foregoing instrument to be his own free act and deed, this 28 day of MARCH, 2002.



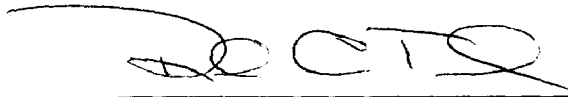
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Before me personally appeared said Stephen P. Porter, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their own free act and deed, this 28 day of MARCH, 2002.



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