

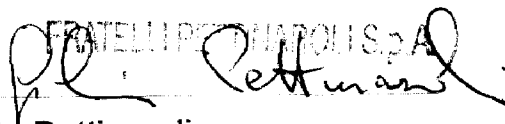
ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, Giulio Pettinaroli, have invented a UNIVERSAL BALL VALVE ASSEMBLY, for which I have made application for Letters Patent on June 10, 2002, Serial No.10/167,637. (I hereby authorize my attorney Charles W. Chandler, authorized to prosecute said application to here insert the filing date and serial number of the said application as soon as it is known.)

WHEREAS, F. Pettinaroli, S.p.A. having its principal place of business at 28017 Pianelli 38, Novara, Italy, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One (\$1.00) Dollar and other good and valuable considerations, receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I, Giulio Pettinaroli, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said corporation its successors, and assigns, all rights, title, and interest in the United States of America and all foreign countries in and to said invention as described in the above-identified patent application, and to any improvements on said invention heretofore or hereafter, and any divisions or continuations of said application, and all patents, United States or foreign, granted upon any such applications or for the inventions described therein, and any reissues or extensions of said patents; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents on said United States applications to said Company as assignee thereof.

Signed this 20 day of JUNE, 2002.


Giulio Pettinaroli