

08-27-2002

Form PTO-1595

(Rev. 03/01)

OMB No. 0651-0027 (exp. 5/31/2002)

Tab settings ⇌ ⇌ ⇌ ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼ ▼



102202161

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
U.S. Patent and Trademark OfficePTO
10/29/01
10/29/01

08/19/02

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Michael L. Ballard

8-19-02

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: Horizon Vessels, Inc.

Internal Address: Suite 2200

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Nature of conveyance:



Assignment



Merger



Security Agreement



Change of Name



Other

Street Address: 2500 City West Blvd.

City: Houston State: TX Zip: 77042

Execution Date: 9/14/01

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is: 8/8/02

A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s)

Additional numbers attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: Keith M. Landry

Internal Address: 50th Floor

Street Address: 201 St. Charles Ave.

City: New Orleans State: LA Zip: 70170

6. Total number of applications and patents involved: 1

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$ 40.00



Enclosed



Authorized to be charged to deposit account

8. Deposit account number:

(Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by deposit account)

DO NOT USE THIS SPACE

9. Statement and signature.

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.

Keith M. Landry

Name of Person Signing

Signature

8/15/02

Date

Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and documents: 2

Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet information to:

Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks, Box Assignments
Washington, D.C. 20231

08/22/2002 SSITHI1 00000016 10224014

03 FC:581

40.00 DP

PATENT
REEL: 013215 FRAME: 0996

ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION

Docket Number 13272/69008-00


Whereas, Michael L. Ballard of Houston, Texas, hereafter referred to as "Applicant", has invented a certain new and useful invention relating to a
"METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR LAYING AND BURYING PIPE THROUGH THE USE OF A PLOW ".

- ☐ for which an application for a United States Patent was filed on _____,
Application Number ____/_____
☒ for which an application for a United States Patent was executed on September __, 2001, and filed together with this assignment, and

WHEREAS, Horizon Vessels, Inc., a Delaware corporation, herein referred to as "Assignee" having a post office address at 2500 City West Boulevard, Suite 2200, Houston, Texas 77042 is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in the same;

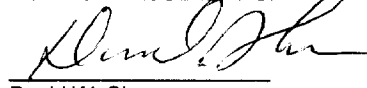
Now, therefore, for good and valuable consideration the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Applicant does hereby sell, assign and transfer unto the Assignee the full and exclusive right to the said application and invention and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all patents which may be granted therefor, the Applicant hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue United States patents based upon the application to the Assignee, the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the same, for its sole use and benefit; and for the use and benefit of its legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said patents may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by the Applicant had this assignment and sale not been made.

Executed this 14 day of September, 2001.



Michael L. Ballard

HORIZON VESSELS, INC.



David W. Sharp
Executive Vice-President