
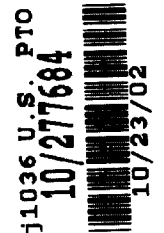
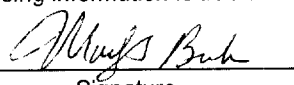


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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, SHIBUYA Seiji at No.28-7, Shinkawa 2-Chome, Chuo-Ku, Tokyo, Japan, a citizen of Japan, have made a certain invention entitled a fastener for laying pipes for which I have executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States concurrently herewith; and

WEREAS, AKAGI CO., LTD. (hereinafter Assignee), a Japanese corporation, located on No. 28-7, Shinkawa 2-Chome, Chuo-Ku, Tokyo, Japan and doing business at the same place is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforementioned invention and the aforementioned application and any and all Letters Patent to be obtained on said invention and/or applications;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

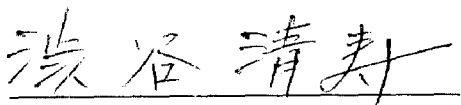
BE IT KNOWN that for good and valuable consideration paid to Assignors by said Assignee, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, said Assignors, by these presents do hereby sell, assign, set over and transfer unto said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives or assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention in and for the United States; and in, to and under the aforesaid United States application and any divisional, continuing, substitute or reissue applications or supplementary disclosures which may be filed on said invention in the United States; and any Letters Patent of the United States issued or granted on said invention and/or said application;

AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office or other issuing authority to issue any and all patents on said invention and/or said application to said Assignee as sole assignee;

AND WE HEREBY covenant that we have the full right to convey the entire right, title and interest herein assigned and that we have not executed and will not execute any assignment or other instrument in conflict herewith;

AND WE WHREBY further covenant and agree to communication to said Assignee, or its legal representatives, successors or assigns, any facts relating to said invention, including evidence for interference or other proceedings, whenever requested, and testify in any interference or in any other legal proceeding, when requested; and to execute and deliver or request all lawful papers required to make any of the foregoing provisions effective; and to perform the aforesaid communicating, executing and delivering, without any payment except expenses to perform the aforesaid testifying for reasonable compensation; and generally to do everything possible to aid said Assignee, its successors, legal representatives or assigns to obtain and enforce proper patent protection on and for said invention and likewise we make these provisions binding upon our heirs, legal representatives and/or administrators.

IN WITNESS WHREOF, we have executed this Assignment as of the 27th day of August, 2002 set forth hereinafter.



Witness: SHIBUYA Seiji