11-21-2002 ATTORNEY DOCKET: 065119.0176 Sheet 1 of 1 FORM PTO 1595 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE 1-31-92 REC Patent and Trademark Office To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Tradellian 2289140 inal documents or copy thereof. Name and Address of receiving Party(ies): 1. Name and Address of Conveying Party(ies) INDIVIDUAL: Christopher S. Byrd VAREL INTERNATIONAL, IN Name: 9534 Hilldale Drive Street Address: Dallas, Dallas County, Texas 1434 Patton, Suite 106 City: Carrollton Individual Citizenship: United States of America State: Texas 75007 Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? X No Yes 3. Nature of conveyance: Assignment Merger Security Agreement Change of Name Other Additional name(s) & Address(es) attached? Execution Date: November 12, 2002 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: November 12, 2002 A. Patent Application No.(s): Patent No.(s): Additional Numbers Yes No Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning Total number of application and patents involved: One document should be mailed to: Total Fee (37C.F.R. 3.41): \$40.00 Harold E. Meier Name: BAKER BOTTS L.L.P. Enclosed Internal Address: Authorized to be charged to deposit account 2001 Ross Avenue, Suite 600 Street Address: Dallas City: 75201-2980 Deposit Account Number: Texas Zip State: (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. November 13, 2002 Harold E. Meier, Reg. No. 22,428 3 Total number of pages including cover sheet OMB No. 0651-0011 (exp. 4/94) Do not detach this portion

Mail documents to be recorded with required cover sheet information:

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Box Assignments

Washington, D.C. 20231

Public burden reporting for this sample cover sheet is estimated to average about 30 minutes per document to be recorded, including time for reviewing the document and gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the sample cover sheet. Send comments regarding this burden estimate to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Office of Information Systems, PK2-1000C, Washington, D.C. 20231, and to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, (0651-0011), Washington, D.C. 20503

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

11/20/2002 LIMIELLER 00000192 10294056

01 FC:8021

AO OO OD

PATENT REEL: 013498 FRAME: 0346

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, the undersigned inventor (or one of the undersigned joint inventors), of residence as listed, having invented certain new and useful improvements as below entitled, for which application for United States Letters Patent is made, said application having been executed on the date set forth below; and

WHEREAS, Varel International, Inc. (hereinafter referred to as "Assignee"), a Delaware Corporation, with an address of 1434 Patton, Suite 106, Carrollton, Texas 75007, desires to acquire my entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, and in and to said application and any Letters Patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I assign to Assignee, all right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to said application and all patents which may be granted therefor, and all divisions, reissues, continuations, continuations-in-part and extensions thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents for said invention, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as our interest is concerned, to Assignee.

I also assign to Assignee, all right, title and interest to the invention disclosed in said application throughout the world, including the right to file applications and obtain patents, utility models, industrial models and designs for said invention in its own name throughout the world including all rights to publish cautionary notices reserving ownership of said invention and all rights to register said invention in appropriate registries; and I further agree to execute any and all powers of attorney, applications, assignments, declarations, affidavits, and any other papers in connection therewith necessary to perfect such right, title and interest in Assignee.

I will communicate to Assignee any facts known to me respecting any improvements; and, at the expense of Assignee, I will testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue and substitute applications, make lawful oaths and declarations, and generally do everything possible to vest title in Assignee and to aid Assignee to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

DAL01:704760.1

PATENT REEL: 013498 FRAME: 0347 This Assignment shall be binding on the parties' successors, assigns and legal representatives.

Title of Invention: BEARING SEAL

Signature of Inventor:

Inventor's Name:

Date:

Residence (City, County, State):

Date Application Executed:

Dallas, Dallas County, Texas

.

12-November-02 12-November-02

DAL01:704760.1

RECORDED: 11/13/2002

PATENT REEL: 013498 FRAME: 0348