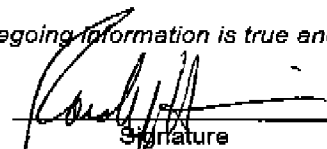


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**CONNECTING FITTING WITH AN ELASTIC RING AS A STOP**

for which the undersigned have executed an application for United States Letters Patent, U.S. Patent Application No. 10/258,981, filed October 30, 2002.

The undersigned hereby authorize assignee or assignee's representative to insert the Application Number and the filing date of this application if they are unknown at the time of execution of this assignment.

**Anton Hummel Verwaltungs GmbH**, a German company, having a principal place of business at Mozartstrasse 2, D-79183 Waldkirch, Germany, (hereafter referred to as the assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in said invention, all applications for and all letters patent issued on said invention.

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