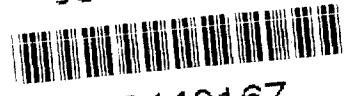


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WHEREAS, new and useful improvements have been made by the undersigned in

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and are the subject of a patent application prepared for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and executed by the undersigned on the dates indicated below, which application is further identified as Pearne & Gordon LLP Docket No. 34165US1.

WHEREAS, Essef Corporation, d.b.a. Pentair Water Treatment, Corporation of Ohio, having a place of at 220 Park Drive, Building 2, Chardon, Ohio 44024, United States, hereinafter referred to as "assignee", is desirous of acquiring all right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to, and under said improvements and inventions and patent rights therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, all right, title, and interest, in the United States and throughout the world, in, to and under said improvements and inventions and all patents, patent applications, patent rights, and inventor's certificates thereof, therefor, and therein, including without limitation said application for patent in the United States, all divisions and continuations thereof, all patents which may be granted thereon, all reissues and extensions thereof, all right to sue for past infringement thereunder, all patents which may be granted for said improvements and inventions by states or nations other than the United States, or by other authority, entity, or organization, and all applications therefor, have been and are hereby sold, assigned, transferred, and delivered unto assignee, its successors and assigns; and it is covenanted and agreed by the undersigned, and for executors, administrators, and legal representatives of the undersigned, that at assignee's request any and all applications, affidavits, assignments, and other instruments will be made, executed, and delivered as may be necessary, or desirable to secure for or vest in assignee, its successors or assigns, any improvement, inventions, right, title, interest, application, patent, patent right or other right or property covered by this assignment, and the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby requested and authorized to issue any and all United States patents granted on any of said applications to assignee as owner of the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under the same, and appropriately empowered officials of foreign countries are hereby authorized to issue any letters patent granted on any of said applications to assignee as owner of the entire right, title and interest in, to, and under the same.

The undersigned hereby grants the firm of Pearne & Gordon LLP the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this assignment has been executed below by the undersigned:

Edward T. LeBretton
Edward T. LeBretton

2-7-03
Date I signed this assignment

2-7-03
Date I signed Declaration or Oath

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George S. Ellis
George S. Ellis

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Post Office Address: 14820 Stillwell Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024, United States

STATE OF _____)
COUNTY OF _____) ss.

The above named Edward T. LeBretton, known to me, appeared before me this 7th day of Feb, 2003, and acknowledged that the foregoing instrument was executed as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Darlene Carpenter
Notary Public

(Notarial Seal)

My commission expires: Darlene Carpenter
Notary Public, State of Ohio
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The above named George S. Ellis, known to me, appeared before me this 7th day of Feb, 2003, and acknowledged that the foregoing instrument was executed as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Darlene Carpenter
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