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**ASSIGNMENT**

THIS INSTRUMENT OF ASSIGNMENT WITNESSETH THAT:

WHEREAS, I, Vernon James Donnelly, resident of 54 Meadow Crescent, Saddlestone, Braddan, Isle of Man IM2 1NL (GB), have invented improvements in

**WATER FILTERS**

which is the subject of UK Design Application Nos. D 3006038; D 3006039; D 3006040; and D 3006041 filed on 7 August 2002 and for which I now execute an application for Letters Patent of the United States, and

WHEREAS, STRIX LIMITED is an Isle of Man company having a place of business at Forrest House, Ronaldsway, Isle of Man IM9 2RG (GB) is desirous of acquiring an interest in said invention, said application and the Letters Patent to be issued therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR to each in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned and set over, and do hereby sell, assign and set over to said corporation, its successors or assigns, the entire right, title and interest to and in said invention in the United States and in all foreign countries, said United States application for Letters Patent therefor and the Letters Patent when issued; and I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks to issue the Letters Patent based upon said application to said corporation as the assignees of our entire right, title and interest to and in the same, for the sole use and behoof of said corporation, its successors or assigns.

And I also hereby covenant and agree to sign all proper papers including divisional and other applications for patents and assignments thereof in the United States and application for patents and assignments in all foreign countries, and to execute all rightful oaths and to take any other proper action that may in the judgment of the said

corporation be necessary for securing thereto full rights to said invention, all of the foregoing to be at the expense of said corporation.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set our hands and affixed my seal.

31-3-03  
Date

By Vernon James Donnelly  
Vernon James Donnelly