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ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we the undersigned,

Eric M. Lannes  
Garrett Doss  
Michael W. Gordon

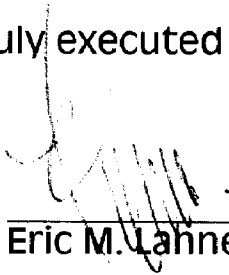
Hereby sell, assign and transfer to THE WATER HEATER INDUSTRY JOINT RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CONSORTIUM, (hereinafter referred to as the Assignee), an unincorporated business association, having a place of business at 19043 E. Wiki Way, Rio Verde, Arizona 85263, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, our entire right, title and interest for the United States and all foreign countries, in and to any and all improvements which are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent, said application having been executed by us on the 3<sup>RD</sup> of April, 2003, and entitled "FUEL-FIRED HEATING APPLIANCE WITH TEMPERATURE-BASED FUEL SHUTOFF SYSTEM", and in and to said application and all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other applications for Letters Patent which have been or shall be filed in the United States and all foreign countries on any of said improvements; and in and to all original and reissued patents which have been or shall be issued in the United States and all foreign countries on said improvements; and in and to all utility models, industrial models, certificates of invention, and designs on said improvements;

Agree that said Assignee may apply for and receive Letters Patent for said improvements in its own name; and that, when requested, without charge to but at the expense of said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, to carry out in good faith the intent and purpose of this assignment, the undersigned will execute all divisional, continuing, substitute, renewal, reissue and all other patent applications, and all other like rights of exclusion in any country on any and all said improvements; execute all rightful oaths, assignments, powers of attorney and other papers; communicate to said Assignee, its successors, assigns and representatives, all facts known to the undersigned relating to said improvements and the history thereof; and generally do everything possible which said Assignee, its successors, assigns or representatives shall consider desirable for aiding in securing and maintaining proper patent protection for said improvements and vesting title to said improvements

and all applications for patents and all patents on said improvements, in said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives; and

Covenant with said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives that no assignment, grant, mortgage, license or other agreement affecting the rights and property herein conveyed has been made to others by the undersigned, and that full right to convey the same as herein expressed is possessed by the undersigned.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have duly executed this assignment on the date(s) indicated below.




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Eric M. Lahnes



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Garrett Doss



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Michael W. Gordon

STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
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COUNTY OF Berry )

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Eric M. Lannes, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 3<sup>RD</sup> day of April, 2003.

Kitty S. Lawson  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires:  
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STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
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COUNTY OF Berry )

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Garrett Doss, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 3<sup>RD</sup> day of April, 2003.

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Michael W. Gordon, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

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