05-16-2003 Attorney Docket No.: 248-00271 Form U.S. Patent and Trademark Office U.S. Department of Commerce 1-31-92 Patent and Trademark Office ET 102450242 To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks. Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof. 1. Name of conveying party(ies): 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies): 5.15.03 Alexander McKechran Hardie McNeil Adrian Roger Poulton Church Meadow, Church Lane Lapworth, Solihull, West Midlands B94 5NU **ENGLAND** Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? []Yes [X] No 3. Nature of Conveyance: Additional name(s) and address(es) attached? [X] Assignment [ ] Merger [] Yes [X] No Security Agreement [ ] Change of Name [ ] Other Execution Date(s): 10/14/2002 4. Application number(s) or patent number(s): If this document is being filed with a new application, the execution date of the application is A. Patent Application No(s). B. Patent No(s). 10.257,888 Additional numbers attached? [ ] Yes [X] No 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence 6. Total number of applications and patents concerning document should be mailed: involved: 1 Joseph J. Jochman [X] Enclosed ANDRUS, SCEALES, STARKE & SAWALL, LLP Authorized to charge Deposit Account 100 East Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 1100 8. Deposit Account No. 01.2000 Milwaukee, WI 53202 (Attach duplicate copy of this page if paying by 5/15/2003 DBYRHE 00000011 10257888 Deposit Account) 40.00 OP 01 FC:8021 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.

Barbara A. Johnson
Name of Person Signing

OMB No. 0651-0011 (exp. 4/94)

Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments and document: 2

PATENT REEL: 014063 FRAME: 0666

## United States of America A 5 5 1 C N M E N 1

WHEREAS. Inventor(s) hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR(s) (1) Alexander McKechran Hardie, McNEIL (2) ...... (3) (4) (5) (6) has/have invented certain new and useful improvements entitled:-CONNECTION DEVICE for which invention application for Letters Patent of the United States of America (a) is about to be under Serial No. 10/257,888 made; (b) has been made on October 16, 2002 AND WHEREAS Adrian Roger Poulton Church Meadow, Church Lane Lapworth, Solihull, West Midlands B94 5NU, United Kingdom (herein referred to as ASSIGNEE(s)) is/are desirous of acquiring an interest therein and in the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor; NOW THEREFORE, be it known by all whom it may concern, that in consideration of the payment by ASSIGNEE(s) to ASSIGNOR(s) of the sum of ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR(s) hereby sells, assigns and transfers to ASSIGNEE(s) for the territory of the United States of America, and not elsewhere, the full and exclusive right, title and interest to the said invention, as fully set forth and described in the specification, prepared and executed by ASSIGNOR(s) on 14 day of 0 CTOBEN preparatory to obtaining Letters Patent therefor; said invention, application and Letters Patent to be held and enjoyed by the ASSIGNEE(s) to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent is granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by ASSIGNOR(s) had this assignment and sale not been made. In witness whereof, executed by the undersigned this day of OCTUMER. INVENTOR(S): WITNESSES:

> PATENT REEL: 014063 FRAME: 0667

DTO (0D (18			ı a	tent and	Trauc	mark O			OF COMMERCE
PTO/SB/17				-				ETE IF KNOWN	
(10/97)		Application Number			nber	10/257,888			
		Filing Date				01/21/2003			
		First Named Inventor			entor	Alexander M	I.H. McNeil		
						rt Unit			
T. 4-1 A	CD.	nt (\$) 40.00				r Name			
Total Amount of		Atte			Number	248-00271			
		PAYMENT (check one)	1_				ALCULAT	ION (continued)	)
		ner is hereby authorized to charge redit any over payments to:	2.	Additio					
Deposit	es and c	redit any over payments to:	Fee	ge Entity Fee		III Entiry Fee	У		
Account 01.	2000			le (\$)		le (\$)	Fac Dans		n n
Number			000	ic (5)	Cou	(a)	Fee Desci	ription	Fee Paid
rumber			105	130	205	65	Surcharge.	-late filing fee or	oath
Deposit				50	227	25		-late provisional	
Account Andrus, Sceales, Starke & Sawall, LLP								er sheet	ming icc
Name			139	130	139	130		sh specification	
			147	2,520	147	2,520		request for reex	amination
□ Charge any a	112	920*	112	920*	Requesting	publication of S	IR prior to		
fee required under 37 set in 37 CFR 1.18 at							Exami	iner action	
CFR 1.16 and 1.17 the Mailing Of the Notice of Allowance,				1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting	g publication of S	SIR after
					Exami	iner action			
		37 CFR 1.311(b)	115	110	215	55		for response with	in first
3. ⊠ Paymer			116	400	216	200	month		
⊠ Chec		Money Order   Other	116	400	216	200			nin second
	JULATI	ION (fees effective 10/01/97)	117	950	217	475	month		ation at the
1. <b>Filing Fee</b> Large Entity Sm	all Entity		117	930	217	4/3	month	for response with	iin tnira
	an Entity e Fee	′	118	1,510	218	755			nin fourth
	de (\$)			1,010	2.0	133	month		im rourin
ουας (φ)	xe (4)		128	2,060	228	1,030		for response with	in fifth
101 790 201	395	Utility filing fee		, f		,	month		
106 330 206		Design filing fee	119	310	219	155	Notice of a		
107 540 207		Plant filing fee	120	310	220	155		ief in support of:	an appeal
108 790 208		Reissue filing fee	121	270	221	135	Request fo	r oral hearing	
114 150 214		Provisional filing fee	138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to	institute a public	use
							procee		
	SUBTO	DTAL(1)  (\$)  0	140	110	240	55		revive unavoida	ibly
			٠.,.					ned application	
2. Claims	E	xtra Fee from Fee Paid	141	1,320	241	660		revive unintention	onally
77 . 1 . 1 . 1	20	below	142	1 220	242	660		oned application	
lotal claims	20=	X = X =	143	1,320 450			Design issu	ie fee (or reissue)	·
Claims			144				Plant issue		
	lent	X ==	122					the Commission	ner
Claims			123		123	50		elated to provision	
Large Entity Sm	all Entit	v Fee					applic		
	e Fee	Description	126	240	126	240			Disclosure
Code (\$) Co	de (\$)						Staten	nent	
			581	40	581	<b>4</b> 0			gnment per <u>\$40</u> _
103 22 203	3 11	Claims in excess of 20						rty (times numbe	r of
102 82 203	2 41	Independent claims in		=00		20-	prope		
		excess of 3	146	790	246	395			nal rejection
104 270 204			149	700	249	205		FR 1.129(a))	4 - <b>L</b> -
109 82 209	9 41		149	790	249	393		dditional inv <mark>entic</mark> ed (37 CFR 1.12	
		claims over original					examin	cu (57 CFK 1.12	<del>)</del> (0))
110 22 210	0 11	patent Reissue claims in excess of	Oth	er fee (sr	ecify	`			
110 22 210	<i>J</i> 11			100 (:. <b> </b>	,,,,	′——			·
20 and over original patent				Other fee (specify)					
				•					
		SUBTOTAL (3) (\$) 40.00							
	*Re	*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid							
			1						
SUBMITTED								(if applicable)	
Type or	Joseph	J. Jochman		Registra	ation	Numbe	er   25	,058	
Printed name	Andrus	, Sceales, Starke & Sawall, LLI							
	Ja.	wh focher		Date	5/13/	2003		eposit Account	
Signature	//02	MU. THOUSE		1			Us	ser ID	1

PATENT
RECORDED: 05/15/2003 REEL: 01/4063 FRAME: 0668