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Assignment of Invention

Ref. No: Serie 6164

WHEREAS, WE, George D. Baker of 1756 Travers Wharf Rd., Cambridge, Maryland 21613, respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in Non-Refillable Valve Device for which a provisional patent application was filed on January 28, 2003, having Application No. 60/443,059 and an application for Letters Patent was filed on April 3, 2003, having Application No. 10/405,930;

WHEREAS, L'Air Liquide – Société Anonyme À Directoire et Conseil De Surveillance Pour L' Étude Et L'Exploitation Des Procedes Georges Claude (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE") having a place of business at: 75 Quai d'Orsay, 75321 PARIS Cedex 07, FRANCE, desires to acquire from George D. Baker the entire right, title and interest we have in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted thereof in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, WE, by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, effective as of the first priority date, the full and exclusive right to said invention in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, substitutions and renewals thereof.

WE hereby authorize and request the Patent Office in any and all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said ASSIGNEE as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the same, for the use and behoof of said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by us had this Assignment and sale not been made.

Further, WE agree that WE will communicate to said ASSIGNEE or its representatives any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitute, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letters Patent to be issued to said ASSIGNEE, make all rightful oaths, and, generally do everything possible to aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in any and all foreign countries.

The undersigned hereby grants authorized representatives of the above identified ASSIGNEE the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of any and all foreign countries for recordation of this document.

Date: 07/24/03

George D. Baker, (Inventor)

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