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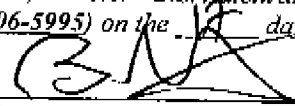
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WHEREAS, I, Lyle Stockstill, am the sole inventor of a "Reel Type Pipeline Laying Ship and Method," an application for United States Letters Patent for which was filed on January 15, 2002, and bearing Serial No. 10/050,430; and

WHEREAS, Torch Offshore, Inc. (hereinafter "ASSIGNEE"), a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Louisiana, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention throughout the world, and all right, title and interest in, to and under any and all Letters Patent of the United States and all other countries throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid by ASSIGNEE and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to ASSIGNEE all right, title and interest in and to the said invention throughout the world, and said application for U.S. Letters Patent, and any and all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, and reissues thereof, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be granted therefor, the same to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE for its own use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, to the end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent of the United States or foreign countries are or may be granted or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me if this assignment and sale had not been made.

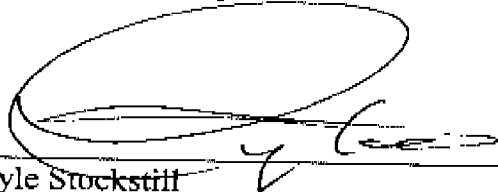
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EXECUTED THIS 15th day of March, 2004.



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