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The entire worldwide right, title, and interest in all inventions and improvements ("SUBJECT MATTER") that are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent entitled: FLOATING SEAL FOR UNDERSEA HYDRAULIC COUPLING ("APPLICATION"), which:

is to be filed herewith
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and for which a Declaration was executed by INVENTOR on the date(s) below; and

The entire worldwide right, title, and interest in and to (a) the APPLICATION, including any right of priority; (b) any divisional, continuation, substitute, renewal, reissue, and other related applications thereto which have been or may be filed in the United States or elsewhere in the world; and (c) patents which may be granted on the applications set forth in (a) and (b) above.

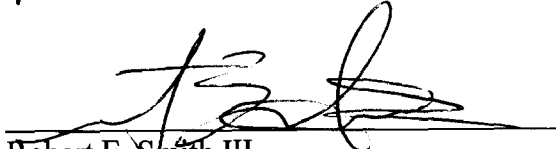
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Executed this 12 day of Sep, 2003.


Robert E. Smith III