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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: SEAL RETAINER WITH METAL SEAL MEMBERS FOR UNDERSEA HYDRAULIC COUPLING("APPLICATION"), which:

☒ is to be filed herewith  
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Executed this 14 day of OCT, 2003.

  
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Robert E. Smith III