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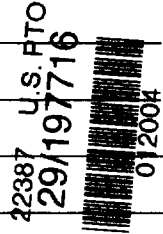
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WHEREAS, I, Richard A. Nortier, of Westchester, Illinois; together with Christian P. Arkay-Leliever; have invented a certain new and original design for:

WALL PLATE


for which we are about to make application for Design Letters Patent of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sloan Valve Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, and having its principal place of business at 10500 Seymour Avenue, Franklin Park, Illinois 60131, is desirous of acquiring an undivided half interest in and to said invention, and in and to the Design Letters Patent to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, to all whom it may concern, be it known that for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration to me in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto the said assignee my entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention as fully set forth and described in the specification identified under attorney's Docket No. 1029-0415, prepared and executed by me preparatory to obtaining Design Letters Patent of the United States therefor, together with all future improvements thereon and additions thereto, and United States patent applications which may be made therefor and any and all divisional, continuing and reissue applications therefor, and the patents which may be thereupon issued, and any and all rights to file applications and receive patents in countries foreign to the United States, the same to be held and enjoyed by the said assignee to the full end of the term for which said Design Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me had this assignment and sale not been made; and I hereby agree to sign all necessary papers in connection with the prosecution and assignment of each and every of said applications.

AND I do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents to issue the said Design Letters Patent to the said assignee of my entire right, title and interest in and to the same for the sole use and behalf of the said assignee, its successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 16TH day of JANUARY, 2004.


Richard A. Nortier

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) SS:
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I, JUTTA FRAUENHOFFER, a Notary Public, do hereby certify that Richard A. Nortier, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered said instrument as his free and voluntary act and for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this 16TH day of JANUARY,
2004.

Jutta Fraenhoffer
Notary Public

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