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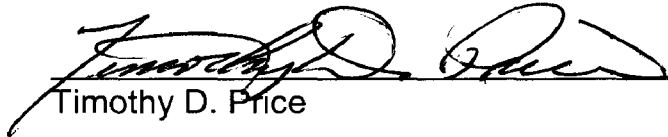
We, TIMOTHY D. PRICE, ROBERT V. FUNDERBURK and GARETH P. TAYLOR, citizens and residents of the United States and residing at 717 Roanoke Church Road, Monroe, North Carolina 28110; 8889 Old Concord Road, Salisbury, North Carolina 28146, and 3025 Beech Ct., Indian Trail, North Carolina ^{28079 DPJ}~~28140~~ ^{2/9/04}, respectively, in consideration of the sum of \$1.00 (One Dollar), and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto **CONBRACO INDUSTRIES, INC.**, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of North Carolina, and having an office at 701 Matthews Mint Hill Road, P.O. Box 247, Matthews, North Carolina, 28105, ("ASSIGNEE"), the entire right, title and interest, together with all rights of priority, in and to our invention entitled RADIAL POPPET-TYPE CHECK VALVE WITH CLOSURE ASSIST FEATURE, as described in the application executed by us simultaneously herewith on this 9TH day of FEBRUARY, 2004, and as described and/or claimed in any and all applications for Letters Patent based thereon including divisions, continuations and reissues thereof as well as all foreign counterparts thereof together with all Letters Patent issuing on any of the aforesaid applications for Letters Patent, the same to be held and enjoyed by ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives, to the full ends of the terms of all said Letters Patent therefor which may be granted.

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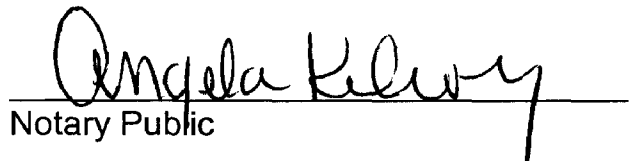
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