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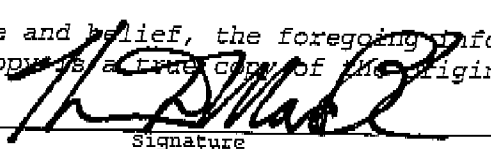
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, THOMAS F. NEAL, citizen of the United States of America, residing in Boulder City, County of Clark, State of Nevada, have made an invention for which I am about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled "VERSATILE, MODULAR, MULTI-STAGE WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEM"; and

WHEREAS, VORTECH LATINOAMERICA S.A., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Costa Rica and having an office for the transaction of business at Zona Franca Metropolitana, Apartado 76-3006, Heredia, Costa Rica, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and any improvements thereon, and in and to the said application for Letters Patent therefor, and any Letters Patent which may be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, BE IT KNOWN, that I, THOMAS F. NEAL, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00), lawful money of the United States, to me in hand paid by said and other valuable considerations unto me moving from said VORTECH LATINOAMERICA S.A., at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed and by these presents do sell, assign, transfer and convey, unto said VORTECH LATINOAMERICA S.A., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to the said invention for which I am about to make application for Letters Patent of the United States entitled "VERSATILE, MODULAR, MULTI-STAGE WATER PURIFICATION SYSTEM", executed concurrently herewith, and any and all improvements thereon, and in and to said application and any division, continuation or continuation-in-part thereof, and in and to any Letters Patent of the United States which may be issued on any of said applications, and any extensions, renewals or reissues thereof, and in and to any and all applications for Letters Patent filed in foreign countries for said invention or improvements including all priority rights, and any and all Letters Patent which may be granted in foreign countries therefor, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME to the full end of the term or terms for which any and all said Letters Patent may be granted;

AND I, THOMAS F. NEAL, do hereby authorize and request the Commissioner for Patents to issue the said Letters Patent of the United States to said VORTECH LATINOAMERICA S.A., as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the


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same, for the sole use and benefit of said VORTECH LATINOAMERICA S.A., its successors and assigns;

AND I, THOMAS F. NEAL, for the considerations aforesaid, do hereby covenant and agree to and with said VORTECH LATINOAMERICA S.A., its successors and assigns, that I have the full power to make this assignment, and that the rights assigned are not encumbered by any grant, license or right heretofore given, and that I, my executors or administrators, shall and will do all lawful acts and things and make, execute and deliver without further compensation, any and all other instruments in writing, further applications, papers, affidavits, powers of attorney, assignments, and other documents which, in the opinion of counsel for said VORTECH LATINOAMERICA S.A., its successors and assigns, may be required or necessary more effectively to secure to and vest in said VORTECH LATINOAMERICA S.A., its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and improvements, applications, Letters Patent, rights, titles, benefits, privileges, and advantages hereby sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed, and that I will sign any applications for reissue, continuation-in-part application or application for extension or renewal, which may be desired by the owner of the patent or patents which may be issued for the said invention or improvements.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, THOMAS F. NEAL, have hereunto set my hand and seal on the date below written.

July 30, 2004  
Date  
  
THOMAS F. NEAL

WITNESSED: Kattia Rodriguez  
(print or type name)

  
(signature and date)