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# ASSIGNMENT

Application Number : 10/602,412  
Filing Date : June 23, 2003  
Inventors : Charles Newton Knowles, James Paul Orban and Sasenjko Radzepagic  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONNECTING COUPLER FITTINGS TO CONDUIT SECTIONS  
Attorney Docket Number : WOLFCR-01

WHEREAS, Charles Newton Knowles of Clayton, Ohio ["Knowles"] and James Paul Orban of Tipp City, Ohio ["Orban"] have invented certain new and useful improvements entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONNECTING COUPLER FITTINGS TO PIPES [the "improvements"], for which a regular application for a United States patent was filed on June 23, 2003 and assigned Serial Number 10/602,412;

AND WHEREAS Wolf Creek Company, Inc., a corporation of the State of Ohio having a place of business at 6051 Wolf Creek Pike, Trotwood, Ohio 45426 ["Wolf Creek"], wishes to acquire their entire right, title and interest in the improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of \$ 1.00 and other good and valuable consideration, sufficiency and receipt of which are acknowledged, Knowles and Orban sell, assign and transfer to Wolf Creek, and to its lawful successors and assigns, their entire right to the improvements in the United States and throughout the world; along with their entire right, title and interest in and to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/602,412; all continuations and divisionals of U.S. Patent Application No. 10/602,412 filed in the United States of America; all applications which may be filed throughout the world claiming the improvements; and any letters patent, petty patents and other rights which may be granted on the basis of such applications.

Knowles and Orban agree to provide to Wolf Creek, its successors and assigns, any and all information of which they have actual knowledge which they believe to be material to the prosecution or examination of any application assigned pursuant to this Assignment, including without limitation any such information which is likely to affect the validity of any patent which might be granted on the basis of any such application. Knowles and Orban further agree to provide to Wolf Creek, its successors and assigns, any reasonable assistance, including without limitation the execution all lawful documents and the making of all lawful oaths, which Wolf Creek in its sole discretion deems necessary for the prosecution of any application assigned pursuant to this Assignment.

Knowles and Orban acknowledge that this Assignment does not obligate Wolf Creek to apply for any patent; prosecute any application; or enforce any right, in any jurisdiction or in any particular jurisdiction.

Knowles and Orban authorize the Director of the United States Patent & Trademark Office to issue to Wolf Creek any United States Letters Patent granted on the basis of any application assigned pursuant to this Assignment for the quiet use and enjoyment of Wolf Creek, its successors and assigns, throughout the full term of any such letters patent.

Executed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.

State of Ohio

County of Montgomery

Charles Newton Knowles

ss. Charles Newton Knowles

Before me personally appeared Charles Newton Knowles and acknowledged the foregoing

instrument to be his free act and deed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2003.



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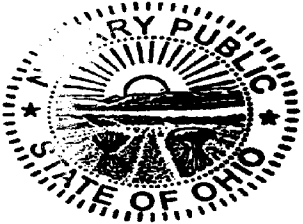
James Paul Orban

State of Ohio

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