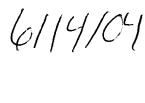


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- 3. Nature of Conveyance: Assignment Executed May 28, 2004
- 4. United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/755,861 filed January 12, 2004 entitled MECHANICAL KNOT APPARATUS, which claims priority from 60/439,787 filed January 13, 2003 entitled MECHANICAL KNOT APPARATUS.
- 5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning documents should be mailed

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- 6. Total Number of applications involved: 1
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ASSIGNMENT

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Timothy T. Tylaska of 138 North Stonington Road, Mystic, CT 06355 and Barry L. Hull of 188 New London Turnpike, Groton, CT 06340; sell and assign to Timothy Tylaska, (hereinafter referred to as "Tylaska") his successors, assigns and nominees, our entire right, title and interest:

in and to the invention relating to improvements in MECHANICAL KNOT APPARATUS invented by us, and shown and described in the application for U. S. Patent Application No. 10/755,861 filed on January 12, 2004 which claims priority from U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 60/439,787 filed January 13, 2003;

and in and to all applications for patent and patents for said invention, in all countries in the world, including all divisions, reissues, substitutions, extensions and continuations thereof;

and in to and all patents which may be granted therefore and all reissues and extensions thereof; and in all rights arising under or pursuant to any and all international agreements, treaties or laws relating to the protection of industrial property, including rights of priority resulting from the filing of any of said applications.

We authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks and all other issuing authorities to issue all Patents on said invention or resulting therefrom to Tylaska as assignee of the entire interest, and covenant that we have full right so to do, and agree that we will communicate to Tylaska or his representatives any facts known to us respecting said invention and testify in any legal proceeding, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications and all assignments of said invention and of the right to apply for Letters Patent therefore in all countries, make all rightful oaths, sign all other lawful papers, and generally do everything reasonably possible to aid Tylaska, his successors, assigns and nominees, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in all countries in the world.

We further authorize Tylaska to execute on our behalf all documents necessary for the filing of any such application including divisional, continuing and reissue applications and all assignments of said invention and all documents necessary to apply for Letters Patent therefore in all countries including making all rightful oaths, signing all other lawful papers, and generally doing everything necessary on our behalf to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for Tylaska for said invention in all countries in the world.

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| IN WIT | NESS WHEREOF, we hereunto set our hand and seal th | nis <u>28</u> day of |
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| May | , 2004. | |
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