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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, new and useful improvements have been made by the undersigned in

PROTECTED INTEGRAL CYLINDER VALVE, GAS PRESSURE REGULATOR AND
FLOW METER, AND METHOD FOR REFILLING A GAS CYLINDER SO EQUIPPED

Serial No.: 10/793,616

Filed: March 4, 2004

and are the subject of a patent application prepared for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and executed by the undersigned on the dates indicated below, which application is further identified as Pearne & Gordon LLP Docket No. 35209US1.

WHEREAS, Linde Aktiengesellschaft, a corporation of Germany, having a place of business at Abraham-Lincoln-Strasse 21, Wiesbaden D-65189, GERMANY, hereinafter referred to as "assignee", is desirous of acquiring all right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to, and under said improvements and inventions and patent rights therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it known that, for valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, all right, title, and interest, in the United States and throughout the world, in, to and under said improvements and inventions and all patents, patent applications, patent rights, and inventor's certificates thereof, therefor, and therein, including without limitation said application for patent in the United States, all divisions and continuations thereof, all patents which may be granted thereon, all reissues and extensions thereof, all right to sue for past infringement thereunder, all patents which may be granted for said improvements and inventions by states or nations other than the United States, or by other authority, entity, or organization, and all applications therefor, have been and are hereby sold, assigned, transferred, and delivered unto assignee, its successors and assigns; and it is covenanted and agreed by the undersigned, and for executors, administrators, and legal representatives of the undersigned, that at assignee's request any and all applications, affidavits, assignments, and other instruments will be made, executed, and delivered as may be necessary, or desirable to secure for or vest in assignee, its successors or assigns, any improvement, inventions, right, title, interest, application, patent, patent right or other right or property covered by this assignment, and the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is hereby requested and authorized to issue any and all United States patents granted on any of said applications to assignee as owner of the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under the same, and appropriately empowered officials of foreign countries are hereby authorized to issue any letters patent granted on any of said applications to assignee as owner of the entire right, title and interest in, to, and under the same.

The undersigned hereby grants the firm of Pearne & Gordon LLP the power to insert on this assignment any further identification which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this assignment has been executed below by the undersigned:

James R. MacNeal
James R. MacNeal

6/10/04
Date I signed this assignment

6/10/04
Date I signed Declaration or Oath

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Gary S. Garber
Gary S. Garber

6.22.04
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Date I signed Declaration or Oath

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Barry A. Schwartz
Barry A. Schwartz

6/17/04
Date I signed this assignment

6/17/04
Date I signed Declaration or Oath

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STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA } ss.

The above named James R. MacNeal, known to me, appeared before me this 11TH day of JUNE, 2004, and acknowledged that the foregoing instrument was executed as his free act and deed for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Daniel Mark Lansell

Notary Public
DANIEL MARK LANSELL, Notary Public
State of Ohio
My Commission Expires Feb. 12, 2008

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STATE OF Maine)
) ss.
COUNTY OF)

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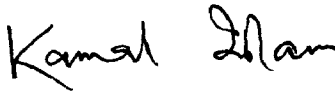
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Addendum

1. June 10, 2004, June 22, 2004 and June 17, 2004, respectively
2. June 10, 2004, June 22, 2004 and June 17, 2004, respectively