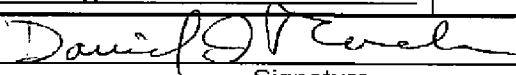


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This Assignment of Patent is made as of December 31, 2004, by Dave W. Laird ("Assignor"), to Bitzer US Inc., a Georgia corporation ("Assignee").

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

A. As of December 28, 2004, Assignee and Assignor entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") pursuant to which Assignor has agreed to sell to Assignee and Assignee has agreed to buy from Assignor all of the right, title and interest in and to United States Patent Serial No. 6,017,192 and the technology, inventions and improvements disclosed therein (the "Patent"). Assignor agreed to execute such instruments of assignment as Assignee may reasonably request.

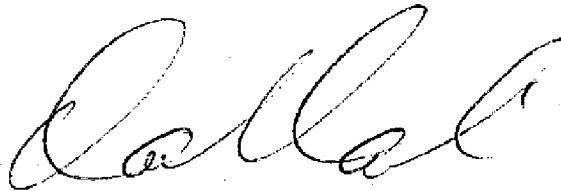
B. Assignor desires to transfer and assign to Assignee, and Assignee desires to accept the transfer and assignment of, all of Assignor's worldwide right, title and interest in and to Assignor's Patent.

AGREEMENT

Assignor, for and in acknowledgment of receipt of the consideration set forth in the Agreement, hereby transfers and assigns to Assignee, and Assignee hereby accepts the transfer and assignment of, all of Assignor's worldwide right, title and interest in, to and under the Patent, and all causes of action, rights of recovery and claims for damages and other relief referring or pertaining to the Patent, including claims for past and future infringement, that may hereafter be secured under the laws now or hereafter in effect in the United States of America, the same to be held and enjoyed by Assignee, its successors and assigns as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by Assignor had this Assignment not been made.

Except to the extent that federal law preempts state law with respect to the matters covered by this Assignment, it will be governed by and construed under the laws of Illinois without regard to conflicts of laws principles that would require the application of any other law.

Assignor has executed and delivered this Assignment as of the date indicated in the first sentence of this Assignment.



DAVE W. LAIRD

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