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United States Pipe and Foundry Company, Inc.
(also known as "United States Pipe and Foundry Company" and "U.S. Pipe")

a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Alabama, as Assignee, and its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest, for all countries in and to the inventions relating to the

Centroidally Twistable Compression Ring For Pipe Joints

described in the application for Letters Patent of the United States filed herewith, bearing the Application Serial Number _____ and to any invention(s) and improvement(s) set forth in said application, and any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, and renewals of and substitutes for said application for said Letters Patent, and all the rights and privileges under any and all Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in any country, and any reissues, or reexaminations, or extensions of said Letters Patent. I request that any and all Letters Patent for said inventions be issued to said Assignee, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, or to such nominees as it may designate. (I consent to the entry by Assignee or its representatives of the Serial Number assigned by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office into the blank provided therefor, above, following notice of such assignment to Assignee by such Office, which entry shall have the same effect as if so done presently by my own hand, prior to my signature).

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name on the day and year set forth below.


Sole Inventor (signature)

DATE 9-24-04

Daniel A. Copeland
(Inventor's Typed Name)

STATE OF ALABAMA)) SS
COUNTY OF SHELBY)

On this 24th day of September, 2004 before me personally came the above named Daniel A. Copeland, who are personally known or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the same individuals who executed the foregoing assignment, and who acknowledged to me that he executed the same of his own free will for the use and purposes therein set forth.

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