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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, **Robert Wayne Spears II**, have invented certain new and useful improvements disclosed in an application for United States Letters Patent entitled **CHECK VALVE WITH PRESSURE RELIEF FEATURE**, which application was filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 14, 2004 as Application Serial No. 10/826,446;

AND WHEREAS, **SPEARS MANUFACTURING CO.**, having a business address at 15853 Olden Street, Sylmar, California 91392 (hereafter, together with any successors, legal representatives or assigns thereof, called "Assignee") wants to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements and application and any patent which may be granted thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to Assignee my entire right, title and interest in and to said improvements, and said applications and all divisions, substitutions, continuations and continuations-in-part thereof, and all United States Letters patents which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all priority rights under the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property for every member country, and all applications for patents (including related rights such as utility-model registrations, inventor's certificates, and the like) heretofore or hereafter filed for said improvements in any foreign countries, and all patents (including all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof) granted for said improvements in any foreign countries; and I hereby authorize and request the United States Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, and any officials of foreign countries whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all patents for said improvements to Assignee in accordance with the terms of this assignment;

AND I HEREBY covenant that I have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed, and will not execute, an agreement in conflict herewith;

AND I HEREBY further covenant and agree that I will communicate to Assignee any facts known to me respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuations-in-part, substitute and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid Assignee to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

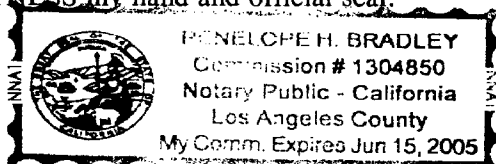
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand this \* 13 day of \* Oct, 2004.

\* Robert Wayne Spears II  
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On \* OCTOBER 13, 2004, before the undersigned, a Notary Public for the Country/State and County aforesaid, personally appeared **Robert Wayne Spears II**, to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the above assignment, and acknowledged that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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\* Penelope H. Bradley  
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