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ASSIGNMENT


WHEREAS, I/We, Nigel Paul Schofield and Howard Brian James Stone, a citizen of/ citizens of the United Kingdom, residing at Milton House, 14 Rushams Road, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 2NT, England, and 4 Oakfield Cottages, Bolney Road, Cowfold, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 8AA, England, have invented certain new and useful improvements in VALVING FOR MULTI-STAGE VACUUM PUMPS for which I/We have made application for Letters Patent of the United States, which application may be identified in the United States Patent and Trademark Office as Serial No. 10/920,674, filed August 18, 2004; and,

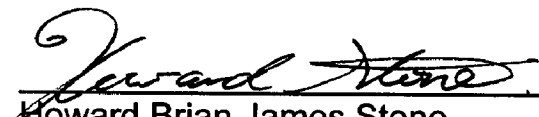
WHEREAS, The BOC Group plc, an English Company of Chertsey Road, Windlesham, Surrey GU20 6HJ, England, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me/us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I/WE, the said Nigel Paul Schofield and Howard Brian James Stone have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said **The BOC Group plc**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the invention, the said improvements, and the said application, all applications derived therefrom and all continuing prosecution applications, conversions, divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof, and all applications for Letters Patent or Inventor's Certificates which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent or Inventor's Certificates which may be granted for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof; and I/We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements to the said **The BOC Group plc**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

I/WE HEREBY covenant that I/We have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I/WE have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND I/WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that I/We will communicate to the said **The BOC Group plc**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me/us respecting said invention and said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all continuing prosecution, divisional, continuing, reexamination and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said **The BOC Group plc**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said inventions and improvements in all countries.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Assignor</u>	<u>Witnessed By:</u>
<u>21 SEPTEMBER 2004</u>	 Nigel Paul Schofield	<u>Chan-Cheong Siew</u> At: <u>Burgess Hill,</u> <u>BOC Edwards.</u>

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