

u/03/04

11-10-2004

ASSIGNMENT



COVER SHEET Patents Only

102879030

2278 U.S. PTO
10/9/03 374

To the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office:
Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

Attorney Dkt. No.: 033499/268686

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Philip K. Higgins
Wayne Stanley Severance, Jr.

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes ☐ No ☒

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

The ESAB Group, Inc.
P.O. Box 100545
Florence, South Carolina 29501-0545

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes ☐ No ☒

3. Nature of conveyance:

- ☒ Assignment
☐ Merger
☐ Security Agreement
☐ Change of Name
☐ Other _____

Execution Date: October 28, 2004

4. Application No. _____

Patent No. _____

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application
is: October 28, 2004

Additional numbers attached? Yes ☐ No ☒

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

ALSTON & BIRD LLP
Bank of America Plaza
101 South Tryon Street, Suite 4000
Charlotte, NC 28280-4000

6. Total number of applications and patents involved:

One7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$40.00

- ☒ Enclosed
☐ Authorized to be charged to deposit account

8. Deposit account number: 16-0605

DO NOT USE THIS SPACE

9. Statement and signature: *To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.*

Name of Person Signing: Nicholas F. Gallo

Reg. No. 50,135

November 3, 2004

Date

Total number of pages including cover sheet, attachments, and document: 8

USPTO Fax Number for New Assignments (703) 306-5995

11/09/2004 BTOM11 00000134 10980374

01 FC:8021

40.00 DP

ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by us, Philip K. Higgins, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 2657 W. Andover Road, Florence, South Carolina 29501; and Wayne Stanley Severance, Jr., citizen of the United States of America, residing at 2829 Dewitt Circle, Darlington, South Carolina 29532, respectively;

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, we are the joint inventors of certain new and useful improvements in METERING SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SUPPLYING GAS TO A TORCH for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been executed by us concurrently herewith; and

WHEREAS, The ESAB Group, Inc., having a principal place of business at P.O. Box 100545, Florence, South Carolina 29501-0545, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention as described in said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues, reexaminations, or extensions thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me if this assignment and sale had not been made.

We hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

We further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, we possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that we have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

We further covenant, and agree to bind our heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, promptly to communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to us relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the assignee, its representatives, successors, or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the assignee complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this 28th day of OCTOBER, 2004.

Philip K. Higgins (SEAL)
Philip K. Higgins

Wayne Stanley Severance, Jr. (SEAL)
Wayne Stanley Severance, Jr.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)

COUNTY OF FLORENCE)

I, Nancy J. Setze, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that Philip K. Higgins personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 28th day of October, 2004.

(Official Seal)

Nancy J. Setze
Notary Public

My commission expires: 8-20-2011

STATE OF South Carolina)

COUNTY OF Florence)

I, Nancy J. Setze, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby

certify that Wayne Stanley Severance, Jr., personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 28th day of October, 2004.

(Official Seal)



Notary Public

My commission expires: 8-20-2011

CLT01/4654779v1