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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, I, REGGIE H. ETHERIDGE, a citizen of the United States residing at 307 Lago Vista, Kemah, Texas 77565, (hereafter referred to as the "ASSIGNOR"), have invented certain new and useful improvements in a **ROTARY TO LINEAR VALVE AND METHOD OF USE** for which I have executed a utility patent application for letters patent of the United States, the specification of which was filed on July 29, 2002 and assigned Serial No. 10/207,363 (the "U.S. Patent Application"), which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,772,783 on August 10, 2004 (the "U.S. Patent"); and

WHEREAS, I, the above named ASSIGNOR, have further executed a PCT international patent application directed to the above referenced improvements, which was filed on July 22, 2003 and assigned application number PCT/US2003/022957 (the "PCT International Patent Application"); and

WHEREAS, I, the above named ASSIGNOR, have entered the national stage in Canada based on the PCT International Patent Application on January 31, 2005 (the "Canadian Patent Application"); and

WHEREAS, I, the above named ASSIGNOR, have entered the national stage in Europe based on the PCT International Patent Application on January 31, 2005, which application was assigned application number EP 03771723.8 (the "European Patent Application"); and

WHEREAS, N-LINE VALVES, L.L.C. ("ASSIGNEE"), a limited liability company existing under the laws of the State of Texas and having its main place of business at 14814 Park Alameda Drive, Houston, Texas, 77047, USA, is entitled, by virtue of a prior agreement between the parties, to a complete and absolute assignment of the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements, the U.S. Patent Application, the U.S. Patent, the PCT International Patent Application, the Canadian Patent Application, and the European Patent Application;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to me in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I, the said ASSIGNOR, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal

representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements, and the said U.S. Patent Application and the U.S. Patent, and all 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 the said PCT International Patent Application, and the said Canadian Patent Application, and the said European Patent Application, and all applications for Letters Patent which have been or may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any other country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent 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 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 said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

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, any agreement in conflict herewith.

I HEREBY further covenant and agree that I will communicate to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to me respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said improvements in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005.

  
Reggie H. Etheridge

STATE OF TEXAS                   §  
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COUNTY OF HARRIS           §

On this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2005, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Reggie H. Etheridge, known to me to be the person of that name, who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged the same to be his free act and deed.

Christine M. Lopez  
Notary Public, State of Texas  
My Commission Expires: 11-26-2005

