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WHEREAS, Scott T. Franson and Andrew T. Thompson, residing at 50 Mead Street, Hastings, Michigan 49058; and 419 N. Michigan Ave., Hastings, MI 49058, respectively (hereinafter referred to as Assignors), have invented certain new and useful improvements in DRY SPRINKLER ASSEMBLY for which an application for United States Letters Patent was filed on February 9, 2005, Serial No. 11/054,476.

WHEREAS, The Viking Corporation, a corporation of the State of Michigan, having a place of business at 210 North Industrial Park, Hastings, Michigan 49058 (hereinafter referred to as Assignee), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters Patent that may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of one dollar (\$1.00), the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and for other good and valuable considerations, Assignors hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said Assignee the full and exclusive right, title and interest to the said invention in the United States and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters Patent which may be granted therefor in the United States and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, continuation-in-part, and extensions thereof including the full right to claim for any such applications the benefits of the International Convention.

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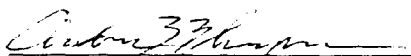
IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands on the date appearing next to our signature.

Witnesses:



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