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PATENT ASSIGNMENT

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I, Thomas J. Langenfeld, residing at 408 W. Blackwood Street, Sullivan, Illinois 61951 hereby sell and assign to Hydro-Gear Limited Partnership ("Assignee"), a limited partnership organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, having its principal place of business at 1411 South Hamilton Street, Sullivan, Illinois 61951, U.S.A., its successors, assigns, nominees, or other legal representatives, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention in RETURN TO NEUTRAL DEVICE FOR HYDRAULIC APPARATUS invented by me, and the application for United States patent therefor, the declaration for which is being concurrently executed, and all original and reissued patents granted therefor, and all divisions and continuations thereof, including the subject-matter of any and all claims which may be obtained in every such patent, and the right to apply for and obtain patents and Utility Model Registrations which may be granted thereon in such foreign countries, and authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any official of any other country or countries foreign to the United States whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue said Letters Patent or Utility Model Registration to the said Assignee, its successor, assigns, nominees, or other legal representatives, as assignee of the entire interest herein assigned.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 12 day of MARCH, 2003.

Thomas J. Langenfeld  
Thomas J. Langenfeld (signature)

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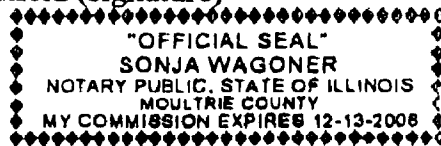
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2003.

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