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2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)Name: Hydro-Gear Limited Partnership

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: 1411 South Hamilton StreetCity: SullivanState: IllinoisCountry: USA Zip: 69151Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? ☐ Yes ☒ No**4. Application or patent number(s):**☒ This document is being filed together with a new application.

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PATENT ASSIGNMENT

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Scott E. Windhorst, 4139 Turner Drive, Decatur, Illinois 62551, and Bruce E. Reid, 3 Okaw Court, 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 entitled "Assembly For Use With A Return To Neutral Mechanism" invented by us, and the application for United States patent therefor, which has not yet been assigned a Serial Number, 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. We hereby 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 Assignee, its successor, assigns, nominees, or other legal representatives, as assignee of the entire interest herein assigned.

We covenant that we have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith and agree that I will communicate to the Assignee, its successors, assigns, nominees, or other legal representatives, all facts known to us respecting said invention, whenever requested, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths, and do all lawful acts requisite for the application for such divisional, continuing, or reissue applications, or the procuring thereof, and that if and when the Assignee, its successors, assigns, nominees, or other legal representatives desire to file a disclaimer relating thereto, we will, upon request, sign all lawful papers requisite for the filing of such disclaimer.

We further covenant and agree that we will, at any time upon request, do everything legally possible to aid the Assignee, its successors, assignees, nominees, or other legal representatives, either in its or their own names, to apply for, obtain, and enforce proper patent and/or Utility Model protection for said invention in all countries, all without further consideration but at the expense of the Assignee, its successors, assigns, nominees, or other legal representatives.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 14 day of October, 2005.

Scott E. Windhorst
Scott E. Windhorst

NOTARIAL CERTIFICATE

State of: Illinois)
County of: Montrie) SS.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of OCTOBER, 2005.

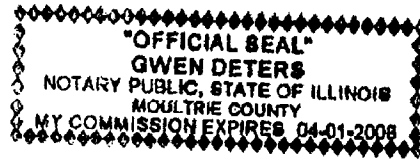
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 18 day of October, 2005.

B. E. Reid
Bruce E. Reid

NOTARIAL CERTIFICATE

State of: Illinois)
County of: Moultrie) SS.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of October, 2005.

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