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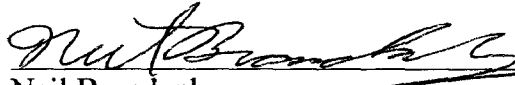
PATENT ASSIGNMENT

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, Neil Brandenburg, of 385 E. 7th Street, Neoga, IL 62447; Jeffrey A. Wilson, of 2319 Prairie Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938; Herb Poplawski, of 4611 Spring Street, Racine, WI 53405; Michael W. Taylor, of 720 N. Graham Street, Sullivan Illinois 61951; and Ryan S. Buescher, of 390 W. 11th Street, Neoga, IL 62447, 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 S. Hamilton Street, Sullivan, Illinois 60951, U.S.A., its successors, assigns, nominees, or other legal representatives, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention entitled "**HYDRAULIC APPARATUS WITH 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, registered designs 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, Registered Design or Utility Model Registration to the Assignee, its successor, assigns, nominees, or other legal representatives, as assignee of the entire interest herein assigned.

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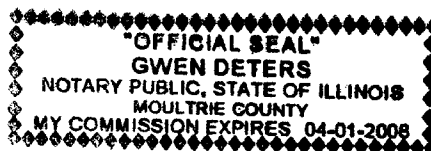
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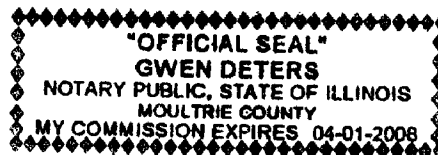
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