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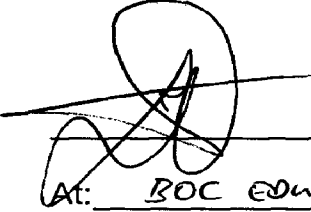
WHEREAS, I/We, Ian David Stones, a citizen of/ citizens of the United Kingdom, residing at 4 The Oaks, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 9XP, United Kingdom, have invented certain new and useful improvements in VACUUM PUMP for which I/We have made application for Letters Patent of the United States on even dates herewith; which application claims priority from International Application No. PCT/GB2004/004131, filed September 23, 2004; and,

WHEREAS, The BOC Group plc, an English Company of Chertsey Road, Windlesham, Surrey GU20 6HJ, England, is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said improvements and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me/us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I/WE, the said Ian David Stones have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said **The BOC Group plc, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the invention, the said improvements, and the said application, all applications derived therefrom and all continuing prosecution applications, conversions, 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 all applications for Letters Patent or Inventor's Certificates which may hereafter be filed for said improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States, and all Letters Patent or Inventor's Certificates 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/We 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 the said **The BOC Group plc**, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.**

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