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IN CONSIDERATION of one dollar and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned inventor hereby assigns to **ZIERER INVESTMENT ENTERPRISES LLC**, an Illinois corporation, its successors and assigns (hereinafter called "said Assignee") the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, entitled "DEVICES AND METHODS FOR PROTECTING EXPOSED PIPE ENDS," executed by the undersigned on the date indicated herein, and in said application and any and all other applications for United States Letters Patent, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension thereof.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents to issue said Letters Patent to said Assignee.

FOR SAID CONSIDERATION, the undersigned hereby agrees, at the request and at the expense of said Assignee, to execute any divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part application for said invention or improvements, and any oath, declaration, or affidavit relating thereto or required for the filing or prosecution thereof, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application. The undersigned further agrees that in the event of any application or any division thereof, or Letters Patent issued thereon, or any reissue or application for the reissue thereof, becoming involved in interference, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said Assignee in the matters of preparing and executing the preliminary statement and giving and producing evidence in support thereof. The undersigned agrees to perform, upon such request, any affirmative acts to obtain said Letters Patent of the United States and vest in said Assignee all rights therein, whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by said Assignee to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this Assignment and sale had not been made.

And for said consideration, the undersigned hereby assigns and grants to said Assignee the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements for all foreign countries, including all priority rights, and the right to claim priority rights and the privileges and benefits thereof, including those under the International Convention and all other conventions, and the right to file applications for patent in said Assignee's own name for said invention or improvements in each and every country of the world. The undersigned further agrees, upon the request of said Assignee, to execute all documents that shall be required of the undersigned to be executed in connection with any application for foreign letters patent therefor, including the prosecution thereof, and to execute any and all documents necessary to vest in said Assignee title in said foreign applications and patents.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the attorneys of record in said application to insert in this Assignment the filing date and Serial Number of the application in the places provided above.

  
Donald R. Zierer

9-02-06  
Date

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