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TITLE: **METHOD AND DEVICE FOR TRENCHLESS  
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**ASSIGNMENT**

WHEREAS, I/We,

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(hereinafter also referred to as "ASSIGNOR"); have invented new and useful inventions and discoveries in "**Method and Device for Trenchless Laying of Pipelines**", for which U.S. Patent Application is being filed herewith; and which claims priority to **PCT Patent Appln. Serial No. PCT/EP2004/012954** filed on **November 11, 2004** and **DE Patent Appln. Serial No. 103 56 696.1** filed on **November 28, 2003**.

WHEREAS, **Stein & Partner GmbH**, hereinafter called "ASSIGNEE", a corporation organized and existing under the laws of Germany and having an office for the transaction of business at **Konrad -Zuse-Strasse 6, 44801 Bochum, Germany** desires to acquire the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, and in and to said invention described and claimed in said application, and in and to any Letters Patent which may be obtained upon said application for said invention therein contained.


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The said ASSIGNOR hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any Letters Patent which may be granted for said invention to the said ASSIGNEE as the assignee of the entire right, title and interest therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said ASSIGNOR have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seal as of the date and year first below written.

Dated: 09/06/2006

By:   
Dietrich STEIN