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SALYER, Brent A.

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11/728,245

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Henry C. Query, Jr.

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Assignment

WHEREAS,

William L. Fontenot of Houston, Texas, U.S.A.,
Yonghui Liu of Houston, Texas, U.S.A.,
Stephen P. Lindblade of Waller, Texas, U.S.A., and
Brent A. Salyer of Cypress, Texas, U.S.A.,

hereafter referred to as the "Assignor(s)", have invented a certain new and useful Invention entitled:

MOORING APPARATUS AND METHOD,

for which an Application for a United States Patent was filed on 03/23/2007 and assigned U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 11/728,245 ;

WHEREAS, SOFEC, Inc., a Texas corporation having a principal place of business at 14741 Yorktown Plaza Drive, Houston, Texas 77040, U.S.A. (hereinafter "SOFEC"), is desirous of acquiring the Assignors' entire right, title, and interest in and to said Invention, and in and to said Application, inclusive of any and all priority rights derived therefrom, and in and to all Letters Patent, both U.S. and foreign, which may be granted for said Invention;

NOW, THEREFORE, for the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Assignors do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and set over unto SOFEC, its successors and assigns, Assignors' entire right, title, and interest in and to said Invention, and in and to said Application, inclusive of any and all priority rights derived therefrom, and in and to all Letters Patent and any reissues or extensions thereof which may be granted upon said Application or upon any substitutes, divisions, or continuations of said Application, and in and to all Letters Patent and the like which may be granted upon any application filed in the United States or a foreign country which is based upon or claims priority from said Application or upon any substitutes, divisions, or continuations of said Application, and in and to all Letters Patent or the like, both U.S. and foreign, which may be granted for said Invention, the same to be held and enjoyed by SOFEC for its own use and behoof, and for the use and behoof of its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the Assignors had this assignment and sale not been made;

AND, the Assignors hereby agree to execute, upon request, any and all further papers which may be necessary or desirable to enable SOFEC, its successors and assigns, to file and prosecute said Application and any substitutes, divisions, or continuations thereof, to file and prosecute any reissues and extensions of the Letters Patent granted upon said Application or upon any substitutes, divisions, or continuations thereof, and to file and prosecute any and all United States and foreign applications for Letters Patent or the like which are based upon or claim priority from said Application or any substitutes, divisions, or continuations thereof; and the Assignors further agree to execute any and all further papers which may be necessary or desirable to vest or perfect the title of SOFEC, its successors and assigns, in and to said Invention, said Application, and any and all of the applications and Letters Patent, both U.S. and foreign, recited above;

AND, the Assignors hereby authorize SOFEC to fill in the filing date and the U.S. Patent Application Serial Number, when they become known, in the blank spaces provided above;

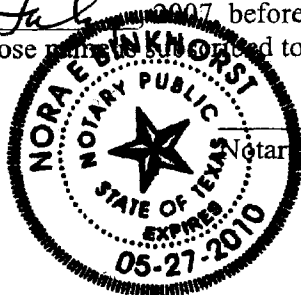
AND, the Assignors hereby authorize and request the COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS to issue each and every Letters Patent to be granted upon said Application, and upon and any and all of the applications for Letters Patent, both U.S. and foreign, recited above, to SOFEC, its successors and assigns, as the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest therein, in accordance with this Assignment.

WITNESS my hand at Houston, TX, Texas this 30 day of July, 2007.

William L. Fontenot
William L. Fontenot

County of Harris)
) s.s.
State of Texas

On this 30 day of July, 2007, before me personally appeared William L. Fontenot, to me known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.



Nora E. Binkhorst
Notary Public in and for said County and State

WITNESS my hand at Houston, TX, Texas this 30 day of July, 2007.

Yonghui Liu
Yonghui Liu

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State of Texas

On this 30 day of July, 2007, before me personally appeared Yonghui Liu, to me known to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.



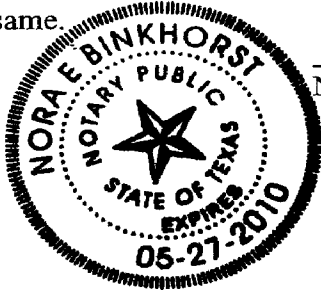
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Stephen P. Lindblade
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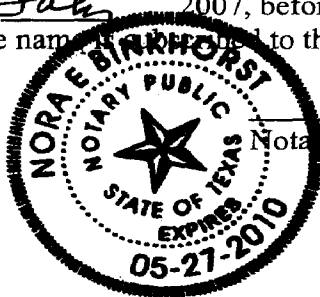
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Brent A. Salyer
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