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Vetco Gray Controls Inc.

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☒ Assignment

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Street Address: 8909 Jackrabbit Road

City: Houston

State: Texas

Country: US

Zip: 77095

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**4. Application or patent number(s):**

☐ This document is being filed together with a new application.

A. Patent Application No.(s)

B. Patent No.(s)

5,409,040

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**6. Total number of applications and patents involved:** 1 (one)

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☐ Authorized to be charged by credit card

☒ Authorized to be charged to deposit account

☐ Enclosed

☐ None required (government interest not affecting title)

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John J. Ryberg, Reg. No. 31,134

Name of Person Signing

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# PATENT AND INVENTION ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, **Vetco Gray Controls Inc.** ("Assignor"), a corporation of the State of Texas having a place of business located at 3010 Briarpark Road, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Houston, TX, 77042, is the owner by assignment of United States Patent No. **5,409,040** entitled "**Springless Pilot Operated Sequence Valve**" (the "Patent") and the inventions claimed therein; and

Whereas, **Drilling Controls, Inc.** ("Assignee"), a corporation of the State of Delaware having a place of business located at 8909 Jackrabbit Road, Houston, TX 77095, desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the same, as well as to any other United States patents which may issue from an application which is related to the application which issued as the Patent and any foreign applications claiming priority to any of such applications and any foreign patents which may issue there from (such other domestic and foreign patents and applications hereby referred to as the "Related Patent Rights");

Now, therefore, in consideration of the sum of ten dollars (\$ 10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, Assignor does hereby sell, assign, and transfer unto Assignee (i) the full and exclusive right to the Patent (including the inventions claimed therein) and any extension thereof, and (ii) the Related Patent Rights, including without limitation any patent which may issue as a result of any application which is part of the Related Patent Rights and the inventions claimed therein, for Assignee's sole use and behalf and for the use and behalf of Assignee's legal representatives, to the full end of the term for which said Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by Assignor had this assignment and sale not been made. This assignment shall include the right to sue for and collect for any damages and other relief which may be available as a result of acts of infringement occurring prior to the date of this assignment.

Executed in Houston, Texas on July 3, 2007.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Rod Tester

Title: President, Vetco Gray Controls Inc.

Date: July 3, 2007

State of Texas

Before me on this, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2007. personally appeared Rod Tester, known to me to be the same, who executed this assignment and acknowledged that he was doing so in the capacity stated above.

Leah Bardin

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My commission expires: August 30, 2008

