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## ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by us, Ralph E. Brafford, Jr., citizen of the United States of America, residing at 140 Vance Crescent Drive, Mooresville, NC 28117; Roger J. Morrow, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 149 Maxwell Lane, Statesville, NC 28677; Timothy H. Wallace, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 1051a Churchill Drive, Charlotte, NC 28211; and Bryan A. Hendrix, citizen of the United States of America, residing at 198 Spring Street, Mocksville NC 27028, respectively;

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, we are the joint inventors of certain new and useful improvements in METHOD, APPARATUS AND SYSTEM FOR FORMING DRAINAGE AND TRENCH FORMING SYSTEMS that is the subject of U.S. Patent Application No. 11/754,512, filed May 29, 2007, which application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/803,312, filed May 26, 2006, all applications listed above being hereinafter referred to as the “application”; and

WHEREAS, ABT, Inc., a North Carolina corporation having a principal place of business at 259 Murdock Road, Troutman, N.C. 28166 County of Iredell, State of North Carolina, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention as described in said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries;


NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues, reexaminations, or extensions thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me if this assignment and sale had not been made.

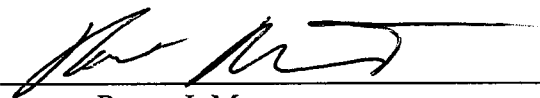
We hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.


We further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, we possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that we have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

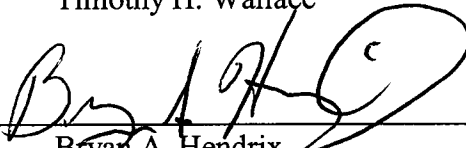
We further covenant, and agree to bind our heirs, legal representatives, and assigns, promptly to communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to us relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the assignee, its representatives, successors, or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the assignee complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this 3<sup>rd</sup>  
day of ~~August~~, 2007.  
October

  
\_\_\_\_\_(SEAL)  
Ralph E. Brafford, Jr.

  
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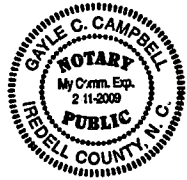
STATE OF NC )

COUNTY OF Iredell )

I, Gayle C Campbell, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that Ralph E. Brafford, Jr. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 18th day of September, 2007.

(Official Seal)



Gayle C Campbell  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 2-11-09

STATE OF NC )

COUNTY OF Iredell )

I, Gayle C Campbell, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that Roger J. Morrow personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 18th day of September, 2007.

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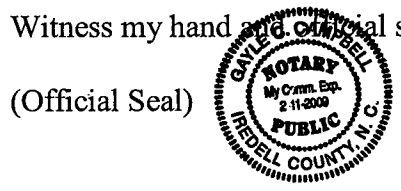
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I, Gayle C Campbell, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that Timothy H. Wallace personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 3rd day of October, 2007.



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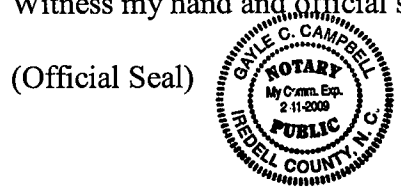
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I, Gayle C Campbell, a Notary Public for said County and State, do hereby certify that Bryan A. Hendrix, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal, this the 18th day of September, 2007.



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