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## ASSIGNMENT

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WHEREAS, Jens BURMESTER of Rotdornweg 4, D-23883 Grambek, Federal Republic of Germany and Matthias SÜDEL of Vicelinstrasse 6, D-23626 Ratekau, Federal Republic of Germany, hereinafter referred to as the Assignor (collectively), have invented a certain improvement relating to a "DOUBLE-SEAT VALVE, THE SEATS OF WHICH CAN BE CLEANED", for which PCT International Application Number PCT/EP2008/004592 was filed on June 9, 2008, and

WHEREAS, GEA TUCHENHAGEN GmbH, having a place of business at Am Industriepark 2-10, D-21514 Büchen, Federal Republic of Germany, hereinafter referred to as the Assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application, including any and all divisions and continuations thereof, and in and to said invention and any and all patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all renewals, reissues and prolongations thereof;

NOW THIS WITNESSETH, that for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00), and other good and valuable consideration paid by Assignee to Assignor, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby assigns, sells and transfers, and has assigned, sold, and transferred to Assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire and exclusive right, title, and interest for the United States in and to the invention, the application, and any patents which may be granted therefor, including any and all divisions, continuations, in whole or in part, substitutions, renewals, reissues, reexaminations, and extensions thereof, and all applications claiming priority therefrom; and Assignor authorizes and requests the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office to issue all patents for the invention, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as their interest is concerned, to Assignee; to have, hold, exercise, and enjoy, with all the rights, powers, privileges, and advantages in anywise arising therefrom or appertaining thereto, for and during the term or terms of any and all such patents when granted, for the use and benefit of said assignee, and said assignee's successors and assigns, in as ample and beneficial a manner as Assignor might or could have held and enjoyed the same, if this assignment had not been made.

The Assignor further agrees to execute any and all patent applications, assignments, affidavits, and any other papers in connection therewith necessary to perfect such patent rights, and also agrees, at the request of the Assignee, to testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, make all lawful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid said Assignee, its successors and assigns, to obtain, maintain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each individual collectively referred to as Assignor has caused this Assignment to be executed.

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