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#### PATENT ASSIGNMENT

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SUBMISSION TYPE:	CORRECTIVE ASSIGNMENT
NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:	Corrective Assignment to correct the payment terms from quarterly to semi- annually previously recorded on Reel 023401 Frame 0632. Assignor(s) hereby confirms the licensor is the sole and exclusive owner and licensee desires to obtain a license to use.

#### **CONVEYING PARTY DATA**

Name	Execution Date
David M. Turchik	01/06/2004

#### **RECEIVING PARTY DATA**

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City:	Irvine
State/Country:	CALIFORNIA
Postal Code:	92614

#### PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 6

Property Type	Number
Patent Number:	6550074
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Patent Number:	7120943
Patent Number:	7617818
PCT Number:	US2003012315
PCT Number:	WO2004009917

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via US Mail.

Correspondent Name: David Turchik

Address Line 1: 916 Haley Talbert Dr.

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NAME OF SUBMITTER: David Turchik

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#### ADDENDUM TO LICENSE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO MARCH 12, 2002

This Addendum to the License Agreement ("Agreement") entered into and effective the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002, between David M. Turchik, a United States citizen, residing at 916 Haley Talbert Drive, Corona, California, 92881 (hereinafter "Turchik"), and M.A.G. Eng. and Mfg., Inc., a California Corporation, with its principal place of business at 15381 Assembly Lane, Huntington Beach, California, 92649 (hereinafter "MAG"), hereby incorporates the Agreement as if fully reproduced herein, and amends the same by adding the following paragraph:

6. All payments required under the Agreement shall be disbursed on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July of the calendar year in which payments accrue, and on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January of the following year in which payments accrue. *E.g.*, for payments accruing in calendar year 2004, payments shall be made on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2004, and on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties has caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized representative.

David M. Turchik ("Turchik")

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David M. Turchik

Date: January 8.2004

M.A.G. Eng. and Mfg., Inc. ("MAG")

Mark H. Allenbaugh

Vice President and General Counsel

Date: Jany 6, 2004



January 6, 2004

David M. Turchik 916 Haley Talbert Drive Corona, California 92811

Dear David:

Per our agreement some months ago, please find attached two signed copies of an addendum to the March 12, 2002 License Agreement between yourself and MAG with respect to payments for Kleer Drain sales.

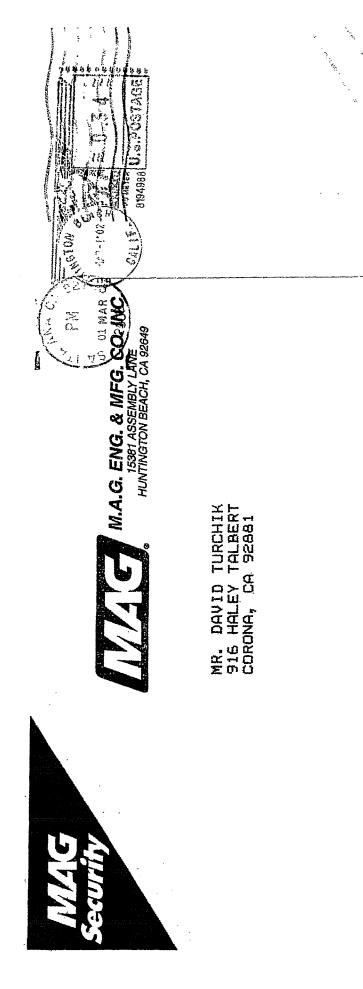
The Addendum simply provides that payments will be made on a semi-annual basis on or before the  $31^{\rm st}$  of July and on or before the  $31^{\rm st}$  of January of the year following the accrual of payments owed. Please sign both keeping one for your records and returning the other in the enclosed, stamped envelope, at your earliest convenience.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Most sincerely yours,

Mark H. Allenbaugh, Esq.

Vice President & General Counsel



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#### ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made and entered into as of the 1st day of March, 2002 by and between David M. Turchik, residing at 916 Haley Talbert Dr., Corona, California, 92881 (hereinafter referred to as the Licensor) and M.A.G. Eng. and Mfg., Inc., a California Corporation, with its principal place of business at 15381 Assembly Lane, Huntington Beach, California, 92649 (hereinafter referred to as the Licensee).

WHEREAS, Licensor is the sole and exclusive owner of certain proprietary rights, concepts, and/or technologies, as more particularly described in the Exhibit "A" (hereinafter collectively referred to as the Licensed Property); and

WHEREAS, Licensor has the sole and exclusive right to grant a license herein; and

WHEREAS, Licensee is in the business of manufacturing, selling and distributing hardware and other products and represents that it has the ability to manufacture or have the Licensed Property manufactured for it and to market, sell and distribute the Licensed Property; and

WHEREAS, Licensee is desirous of obtaining from Licensor a license to use, manufacture, offer to sell, sell, advertise, promote, and distribute the Licensed Property; and

WHEREAS, the Licensor is willing to grant the Licensee such a license, in accordance with the terms and conditions recited herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises, covenants and conditions herein contained, the parties, each intending to be legally bound, do hereby agree as follows:

#### 1. Definitions

- (a) Affiliates. Any entity owned by Licensee or controlled by, under common control with, or controlling Licensee, whether by virtue of stock ownership, common directorships, contract or otherwise, and any officer, director, key employee, principal (5% or more) stockholder.
- (b) <u>Licensed Goods</u>. The Licensed Property, as well as any products which are an extension of the Licensed Property.

#### 2. Grant of License

Licensor herby grants to Licensee, for the term of this Agreement, the right, license, and privilege, in the Territory, to manufacture, to have manufactured for it, to offer for sale, to sell, to advertise, to promote, to distribute, to ship, and to use the Licensed Property in

all fields of use, including, but not limited to plumbing and hardware, mass merchandising, premiums, mail order and promotional arrangements. The license granted hereunder includes, but is not limited to, a license under any and all patents, trademarks, and/or copyrights and applications therefore, which have been filed or may be filed in the future covering the Licensed. This grant includes the right of the Licensee to sub-license any of the rights granted herein.

Licensor shall, upon the execution of this Agreement, disclose in writing to Licensee all knowledge, formulae and information now possessed by Licensor relating to the Licensed Property, if reasonably available to the Licensor, component drawings of Licensed Property and detailed information as to the composition and preparation of all components employed in the Licensed Property, and shall furnish Licensee with a model(s) or mock-up(s). Licensor shall confer with and assist Licensee in any technical or design problems that Licensee might encounter in connection with the manufacture or engineering of the Licensed Property for an additional charge.

#### 3. Territory

The License hereby granted extends only to the Territory which is defined as each and every country of the World.

#### 4. Term

This Agreement shall remain in effect for one (1) year or until sooner terminated under the other provisions hereof.

#### 5. <u>Compensation and Reports</u>

- (a) In consideration of the license granted hereunder, Licensee agrees to pay to the Licensor, in U.S. Dollars, a royalty equal to the percentage set forth in Exhibit "A" based on Licensee's "Net Sales" (as hereinafter defined) of the Licensed Goods to its customers in the Territory.
- (b) "Net Sales" is defined as the Licensee's gross invoice amount billed to bona fide customers of the Licensed Goods tess, returns accepted for credit, return allowances, uncollectible accounts and taxes including, but not limited to sales, value added tax and excise taxes. All royalties provided for under this Agreement shall accrue upon shipment of the Licensed Goods to bona fide customers. No deductions may be made for costs incurred directly or indirectly in the manufacture, marketing, sales (i.e. commissions paid), distribution, promotion or exploitation of the Licensed Goods.
- (c) For the purpose of the computation of royalties to be paid by Licensee to Licensor, Licensee agrees that such computation will be based upon sales to

organizations affiliated with Licensee such as retailers and distributor. Royalties and license fees will not be based upon intercompany or intra company transfers, transfers to any affiliates, manufacturing costs, or importation costs of the Licensed Goods, however, royalties shall be paid pursuant to the terms of the Agreement by such affiliates with reference to their sales of Licensed Goods.

- (d) Licensee has previously paid to Licensor an Advance Royalty Payment in the amount specified in Exhibit "A". This Advance Royalty Payment shall be non-refundable, except in the event of a breach of a representation or warranty.
- (e) Licensee shall, after the initial shipment of the Licensed Goods, submit to the Licensor, on or before the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the end of each calendar quarter, a written report detailing its sales of the Licensed Goods used in determining and computing Net Sales, together with its remittance for such amounts as may be due as royalty and license payments on such sales after the provision for the Advance Royalty Payment is made.
- (f) Should Licensee grant any sub-licenses, Licensee shall pay Licensor a sum equal to the percentage specified in Exhibit "A" of the gross income received by Licensee from such sub-licensees. Such payments shall be due sixty (60) days after the end of the calendar quarter following receipt of payment from such sub-licensees. Licensee shall provide Licensor with a copy of each sub-license agreement and royalty report.

#### 6. Books and Audits

Licensee agrees to keep accurate books and records of account, data, and memoranda respecting the manufacture, sales, and distribution of the Licensed Goods, in sufficient detail to enable the payment hereunder to the Licensor to be determined, and further gives Licensor the right, upon thirty (30) days written notice, during regular business hours, to examine the Licensee's records insofar as they concern the Licensed Goods and insofar as it is necessary to verify the reports and payments hereunder. Such examination may not be made more frequently than twice each year and shall be conducted by a certified public accountant (designated by Licensor and reasonably acceptable to Licensee) in such a manner as not to inconvenience the Licensee and at Licensor's expense, unless a discrepancy of 5% or more resulting in an under payment is found, under which circumstances the reasonable cost of the examination shall be born by Licensee. If no request for such examination for a calendar year is made by Licensor within one year after the close of such calendar year, the right to inspect such records shall be deemed to have been waived by Licensor. Neither Licensor nor any of its representatives shall disclose to any other person, firm, or corporation any information acquired as a result of such examination, nor may they use same for their own purposes; provided

however, that nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent Licensor or their duly authorized representatives from testifying in any court of competent jurisdiction, or in an arbitration proceeding, with respect to the information obtained as a result of any such examination in any action instituted to enforce the rights of the Licensor under the terms of the Agreement.

#### 7. Representations and Warranties

Licensor represents and warrants that:

- (a) It has conceived or acquired, and has full and unrestricted right, title, interest and ownership of and to the Licensed Property and to proprietary and confidential data or material relating thereto (the "data"), in the Territory;
- (b) It has the sole and exclusive, full and unrestricted right and authority to make the grants contained in this Agreement;
- (c) It has not granted to any other persons, firms, or corporation, or made a binding commitment with regards to, any right inconsistent with or conflicting with the provisions of this Agreement;
- (d) It has no knowledge of any existing patent which the Licensed Property would or might infringe and no other party has asserted or threatened to assert any claim to such right or to the Licensed Property, and the Licensor's rights in any trademark, trade name, copyright, patent, or other intellectual property right which is being licensed hereunder, has not heretofore been challenged;
- (e) It has full power and authority to execute, deliver, and fully perform the terms and conditions hereof and it is under no restriction or prohibition limiting its ability or right to execute, deliver, and fully perform its obligations hereunder; and
- (f) The Licensee will obtain the right to manufacture, to have manufactured for it, to sell, use, and distribute the Licensed Goods, in the Territory.

Licensee represents and warrants that it is a corporation organized and validly existing under the laws of the state of its incorporation, with full power and authority to execute, deliver, and fully perform the terms and conditions hereof. It is under no restriction or prohibition limiting its ability or right to execute, deliver and fully perform its obligations hereunder, and as to design, manufacturing, sales, distribution, and marketing expertise and capacity to fully perform its obligations hereunder.

#### 8. Trade Secrets

During the life of this Agreement, and thereafter, Licensor shall keep all information relating to this Agreement in the strictest confidence. Licensor shall not disclose

any trade secrets or information with respect to Licensee, its operations, its employees, its agents, its products, its trade practices, its clients, or any other matter related to Licensee, which it learns during the course of the term of this Agreement.

#### 9. Trademarks, Patents and Copyrights

In the event that a patent and/or trademark application(s) has been filed in the United States or in any other country, with regards to the Licensed Property, such application(s) shall be set forth in Exhibit "A". Licensor shall promptly advise Licensee upon the issuance of the patent(s) and/or trademark sought under said application.

In the event that a patent, trademark or copyright application has not been filed by Licensor with regard to the Licensed Property, Licensee may in its own discretion, apply for patent, copyright or trademark rights in Licensor's name in which case Licensor will assign its rights to Licensee. Licensor agrees to fully and in good faith cooperate with Licensee for the purpose of securing and preserving such rights. It is agreed, however, that nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed as an assignment of grant to the Licensee or any right, title or interest in or to the Licensed Property, it being understood that all rights relating thereto are reserved by the Licensor, except for the rights licensed hereunder to the Licensee. Licensee agrees that at the termination or expiration of this Agreement, Licensee shall assign, transfer and convey back to Licensor, all rights, title and interest in and to the Licensed Property previously transferred to Licensee by Licensor. Licensee shall bear the costs for prosecuting such patent, trademark and/or copyright proceedings it or Licensor institutes.

In the event of infringement of any patent that may be issued to Licensor on the Licensed Property and upon notice thereof from Licensee, Licensor shall, within thirty (30) days, notify Licensee of its election to prosecute or not prosecute a suit against said third party infringer. If Licensor prosecutes said suit, it may select legal counsel, and all legal fees and costs of prosecution shall be born by Licensee, subject to being reimbursed therefore from any recovery in said suit. The balance of any recovery shall be divided equally between the Licensor and Licensee. If Licensor elects not to prosecute any infringement suit, Licensee may do so after notice to Licensor of its intention. Licensee may then select legal counsel and shall pay all legal fees and costs of prosecution subject to being reimbursed therefore from any recovery in said suit. The balance of any recovery shall be divided one-fourth (1/4) to Licensor and three-fourths (3/4) to Licensee.

#### 10. Indemnity

Licensee shall indemnify and hold Licensor harmless from any claims or suits related to the manufacture and sale of the Licensed Goods, and obtain and maintain product

liability insurance providing protection for Licensor, as an additional insured, against claims, demands or causes of action arising out of any alleged design or manufacturing defects in the Licensed Goods manufactured, used, sold, or otherwise disposed of by Licensee pursuant to this Agreement, with policy limits of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) (U.S.).

Subject to the limitations hereinafter contained, Licensor agrees to indemnify and hold Licensee harmless against loss and expense, not including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of any claim by any other person, firm or corporation of either a superior right in or to the Licensed Property or any feature thereof or any patent, trademark or copyright infringement arising out of the manufacture and sale of the Licensed Goods by the Licensee or its sub-licensees. The Licensee agrees to notify Licensor promptly of any and all such claims, and Licensor shall cooperate with Licensee in the defense thereof. Licensee will conduct the defense against such claims, using counsel of its own choosing. During the pendency of any such claims, Licensee may not withhold payments due to Licensor under this Agreement. Licensee bears all costs in the defense thereof.

#### 11. Assignment

The Licensee is specifically authorized to sub-contract any of the manufacturing hereunder and to engage any third party for the purpose of utilizing the Licensed Property and/or Licensed Goods.

#### 12. Acknowledgement of Security Interest

Licensee acknowledges that Licensor has entered into a financing arrangement and pursuant to which Licensee has granted a security interest in, and general lien upon, among other collateral, all Licensee's now owned or hereafter acquired inventory and general intangibles and the products and proceeds thereof as defined in the Uniform Commercial Code.

- (a) Licensee hereby acknowledges Licensor's first priority security interest as described above.
- (b) Licensor hereby agrees that prior to exercising any right to terminate the License Agreement, Licensor shall give written notice of any event which Licensor claims would constitute default by Licensee under the License Agreement. Upon receipt of such notice, Licensee shall have the opportunity and obligation to cure such default, within sixty (60) days after receipt of written notice of default.
- (c) Licensee hereby acknowledges the terms and provisions of the License Agreement, in the event Licensor gives written notice that any default exists under the Financing Agreement and Licensee fails to cure such default, Licensor shall have the right to

the Intellectual Property, to sell any inventory (including raw materials, work-in-process and finished goods) on hand or ordered upon the date of such notice. Licensee shall pay or cause to be paid to Licensor any royalties in respect of actual sales of inventory bearing the Intellectual Property at the rate set forth in the License Agreement.

#### 13. Termination

Licensee agrees to offer the Licensed Goods for sale by the Marketing Date specified in Exhibit "A", subject to the provisions of Paragraph 15 (force Majeure).

Licensee agrees to use reasonable efforts in the manufacture and sale of the Licensed Goods, consistent with its regular business practice.

This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon material default or breach of the terms hereof by the other party and upon giving written notice of its intention to so terminate to the other party. Such notice shall specify such material default or breach. Termination shall become effective no less than sixty (60) days following the receipt of such notice, provided such material default or breach is not remedied by the notified party within that time period. Such termination shall not affect any rights or impair any obligations heretofore accruing.

Licensor may terminate this Agreement upon not less than sixty (60) days written notice, at any time, effective on the date specified in such notice, without penalty.

If this Agreement should be terminated, except as otherwise specifically provided in this Agreement, all rights granted by Licensor to Licensee hereunder shall forthwith revert to Licensor; provided, however, that Licensee shall have the right to continue the manufacture of the Licensed Goods to the extent of parts, components or supplies on hand or on order, and to sell such Licensed Goods and any Licensed Goods already in inventory at the time of such termination, for up to one hundred eighty (180) days following the date of termination, subject to payments as provided for herein. Termination of this Agreement shall have no effect upon the rights and obligations of sub-licensees of Licensee under this Agreement then in force, or of Licensee with respect to such Agreements, including without limitation, the obligations of the Licensee to Licensor pursuant to Paragraph 5 hereof.

If Licensee, after the execution of his Agreement but prior to the marketing of the licensed Goods, shall elect not to produce, display, offer or manufacture the Licensed Goods, then Licensor's sole and exclusive remedy for breach of this Agreement shall be to retain the Advance Royalty Payment as provided for in Paragraph 5, and this agreement shall thereafter be of no force and effect, and the license shall be deemed cancelled, and neither party shall have any claim against the other.

14. <u>Initial Year of Contract</u>

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the first "year" of the contract shall commence on the date first above written, and shall end on the 1st day of

March, 2003.

15. Force Majeure

It is agreed and understood that in the event of an act of federal, state, or local

government (in the event of international licensing, foreign government) or war conditions, or

civil unrest or political disturbances, or fire, flood or labor troubles in the factory of the

Licensee or in the factory of supplying materials and manufacturing parts necessary for the

manufacture of the Licensed Goods, act of terrorism or any other circumstances beyond

Licensee's control, should prevent, curtail or delay the performance by Licensee of the

provision of this Agreement, then such non-performance or delay shall not be considered a

breach of this Agreement, and shall be excused while said condition or circumstances and its

consequences shall prevail, and Licensee's time to perform any act required hereunder shall be

extended accordingly.

16. Notice

Notice shall be delivered personally, sent via Federal Express or another

overnight service or deposited in the United States mail, registered, certified, or United States

Postal Service Express mail, return receipt requested, with proper postage pre-paid, addressed

as follows:

If to Licensor:

David Turchik

916 Haley Talbert Dr.

Corona, CA 92881

If to Licensee:

M.A.G. Eng. and Mfg., Inc.

15381 Assembly Lane

Huntington Beach, CA 92649

or to such other person or address as a party may designate for itself, from time to time, by

written notice to the other parties, given in the aforesaid manner. Notice, if not given

personally, shall be deemed effective five (5) days after posting, except that notices of change

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of address and notices sent via Federal Express or another overnight service shall be effective when received.

#### 17. Other Acts

Each party to this Agreement agree to perform any further acts and execute and deliver any documents, including without limitation, such documents, agreements, and undertakings that may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this Agreement.

#### 18. Severability

It is intended that each provision of this Agreement shall be viewed as separate and divisible, and that in the event that any provision shall be held to be invalid, the remaining previsions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

#### 19. Binding Upon Successors

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and the heirs, successors, administrators and assigns as herein provided.

#### 20. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter contained in it and supersedes all prior contemporaneous agreements, representations, and understandings of the parties. This Agreement may not be modified, changed or supplemented, nor may any obligations hereunder be waived or extensions of time for performance granted, except by written instrument signed by the party to be charged, or by its agent duly authorized in writing or as otherwise expressly permitted herein.

#### 21. Waiver

No waiver of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be deemed, or shall constitute, waiver of any provision, whether or not similar, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver. Unless otherwise provided, no waiver shall be binding unless executed in writing by the party making the waiver.

#### 22. Legal Relationship

Licensor is not, and shall not represent itself to be a legal representative, agent or employee of Licensee, and is without authority to assume, create or incur any obligation or liability on behalf of Licensee. Licensor shall make no guarantee, warranty or representation on behalf of Licensee.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed to place the parties in the relationship of partners or joint venturers, or to constitute one party the agent of the other.

#### 23. Choice of Law, Venue and Jurisdiction

This Agreement shall be governed by, interpreted under and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California, applicable to agreements made and to be performed wholly within the State of California, without regard to other principles and choices of laws. In the event a judicial proceeding is necessary, the forum for resolving disputes arising under or related to this Agreement are the courts of the State of California or the United Stated District Court. The parties hereby consent to the jurisdiction of such courts, and agree that venue shall be the aforesaid state, county and district.

#### 24. <u>Captions</u>

The captions set forth herein are for convenience only and shall have no binding effect.

#### 25. Survival of Rights

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, such obligations which remain executory at the expiration of the term of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect until discharged by performance and such rights as pertain thereto shall remain in force until their expiration.

#### 26. <u>Counterparts</u>

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

#### ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into by and between David M. Turchik, a United States citizen, residing at 916 Talbert Drive, Corona, California, 92881 (hereinafter "Turchik"), and M.A.G. Eng. and Mfg., Inc., a California Corporation, with its principal place of business at 15381 Assembly Lane, Huntington Beach, California, 92649 (hereinafter "MAG").

WHEREAS, Turchik has invented certain new and useful improvements in burst force propulsion technology for use in plumbing which are disclosed in a provisional application filed \_\_\_\_\_\_, entitled "Air Burst Toilet Flush" (hereinafter the "Application"); and

WHEREAS, Turchik owns the entire right, title, and interest in and to the Application and the invention disclosed therein; and

WHEREAS, MAG desires to acquire the entire right, title, and interest in and to the Application, the invention disclosed therein, and any and all improvements related to the invention; and

WHEREAS, MAG further desires to make, use, and sell products incorporating the invention disclosed in the Application, as well as products incorporating any improvements (hereinafter the "Products").

NOW, THEREFORE, Turchik and MAG hereby agree as follows:

- 1. Turchik hereby sells, assigns, transfers and sets over unto MAG, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest throughout the world in, to and under the Application, the invention disclosed therein and any and all improvements related thereto; all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof; all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; all rights of priority under International Conventions and applications for Letters Patent which may hereafter be filed for the invention and any improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States; and all Letters Patent which may be granted for the invention and any improvements in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof.
- 2. Turchik hereby agrees that he will authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents on applications as aforesaid, to issue all Letters Patent for

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the Application, the invention and any improvements to MAG, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

- 3. Turchik hereby agrees that he will communicate to MAG, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to him with respect to the Application, the invention disclosed therein and any improvements, will testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, will make all rightful oaths, and will generally do everything possible to aid MAG, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for the invention and any improvements in all countries.
- 4. In consideration of the foregoing, MAG hereby agrees to pay Turchik the sum of \$ 0.30 (U.S.) for each Product sold by MAG while the Application, or any other application relating to the invention or any improvements, is pending. If a patent issues from the Application, or any other application relating to the invention or any improvements, MAG will pay Turchik the sum of \$0.50 (U.S.) for each Product sold by MAG which is covered by a claim of the patent during the effective term of the patent.
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the parties has caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized representative.

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## EXHIBIT "A"

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#### AIR BURST TOILET FLUSH

#### Field of The Invention

The field of the invention is plumbing.

#### 5 Background of The Invention

Clogged toilets and sinks are unfortunately a relatively frequently occurring nuisance, and there are various devices known to unclog a plugged or otherwise obstructed drain in a sanitary device. For example, build-up of keratinous material may be dissolved with highly caustic agents that are typically dispensed together with reagents that provide additional heat when in contact with water. While such reagents are relatively simple to use, they are a significant potential hazard to a user when employed improperly or when skin or eye contact with such reagents occurs.

To circumvent at least some of the problems associated with the use of caustic reagents, mechanical force may be employed to dislodge or disintegrate an obstruction. For example, a metal line with an attached drill bit may be inserted into the drain and subsequent pipe to contact the obstruction with the drill bit. Mechanical operation will then at least partially destroy the obstruction. Alternatively, a plunger may be employed to generate a positive or negative pressure in the pipe, thereby dislodging the obstacle. While such mechanical devices are relatively common, they suffer from various disadvantages. Among other things, known mechanical devices tend to remove obstructions only incompletely.

Thus, although various unclogging devices and methods are known in the art, all or almost all of them have various disadvantages. Therefore, there is still a need to provide improved methods and devices to unclog a plugged or otherwise obstructed drain in a sanitary device.

#### Brief Description of The Drawing

Fig. 1 is a schematic side view of an exemplary air burst toilet flush apparatus according to the inventive subject matter.

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#### **Detailed Description**

An air burst toilet flush apparatus generally comprises a pressure source or pressurizing device, wherein the pressure source or pressurizing device is fluidly coupled to a burst delivery structure that includes a membrane that ruptures at or above a predetermined rupture pressure. The burst delivery structure is further configured to at least partially, and more preferably entirely/snugly fit to a drain or fluid outlet of a sanitary device (preferably a toilet or sink).

In a typical use, the air burst toilet flush apparatus is engaged with the drain portion of a clogged (or otherwise partially or completely obstructed) sanitary device, and the pressure source or pressurizing device delivers a gas to the burst delivery structure, thereby increasing the pressure in the burst delivery structure from ambient pressure to (and where appropriate: above) the rupture pressure. Upon rupture of the membrane, a burst of compressed air is delivered to the drain at a force sufficient to at least partially dislocate/disintegrate the obstruction in the drain pipe and thereby improve draining of the sanitary device.

An exemplary configuration of an air burst toilet flush apparatus is depicted in Figure 1 in which the air burst toilet flush apparatus 100 has a burst delivery structure 110 that is in fluid communication with compressed CO<sub>2</sub> tank 122 of pressure source/pressure delivery structure 120 via conduit 124. Trigger 126 triggers release of at least part of the CO<sub>2</sub> in tank 122 to a burst delivery structure 110. To ensure at least partial fit of the apparatus to the drain (not shown), sealing element 112 is coupled to the burst delivery structure 110. The drain-engaging portion of the burst delivery structure 110 is at temporarily closed by a rupture membrane 130, which is affixed to the burst delivery structure 110 via a removable membrane receiver 132.

Burst delivery structure 110 is preferably a plastic or light-metal (e.g., aluminum) pipe that is pressure-tight closed on one end, wherein the pipe has a wall strength sufficient to withstand pressure of at least the predetermined burst pressure of the membrane without substantial deformation, damage or loss of pressure of the burst delivery structure. In further preferred aspects, the pipe has a length of about 60 cm and an outer diameter of about 3 cm. The inner diameter is

preferably about 1.5 cm. However, it should be appreciated that the shape, size, and material may vary considerably without departing from the inventive concept presented herein.

For example, alternative shapes for contemplated burst delivery structures include curved, irregularly shaped or otherwise non-linear containers, so long as such containers are configured to (a) receive compressed gas or air, (b) can be coupled to a rupture membrane, and (c) directly or indirectly engages with a drain. Similarly, alternative materials may also include natural and synthetic polymers, metals and metal alloys, wood, etc. and all reasonable combinations thereof.

Pressure source/pressure delivery structure 120 may be integral with apparatus 100 or external to apparatus 100 (e.g., coupled to burst delivery structure 110 via a pressure line). Furthermore, while in some aspects the pressure source/pressure delivery structure 120 includes a pre-pressurized gas or air container, in alternative aspects the pressure source/pressure delivery structure 120 may also operate as a manually or automatically operated pump. Preferred pre-pressurized gas or air containers include commercially available CO<sub>2</sub> cartridges. However, it should be recognized that the particular nature of the gas is not limiting to the inventive subject matter. Thus, contemplated gases also include compressed air, or compressed gases or combinations thereof.

Depending on the internal volume of the burst delivery structure 110, it should be appreciated that the volume of the pre-pressurized gas or air container (or the volume per stroke of the pump) may vary considerably. Furthermore, suitable volumes will also at least in part depend on the predetermined rupture pressure, and it is contemplated that a person of ordinary skill in the art will readily determine suitable volumes.

Where the pressure source/pressure delivery structure 120 includes a pre-pressurized gas or air container it is especially contemplated that the flow of compressed air or gas to the burst delivery structure 110 is controlled by a valve (e.g., in a trigger-type operation), which may or may not regulate the amount of air or gas delivered to the burst delivery pipe. Conduit 124 may be any conduit that fluidly couples the pump or pre-pressurized container with the burst delivery structure. Thus, suitable conduits include flexible or rigid gas lines (e.g., polymeric tubing or copper line), but

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may also be an integral portion of at least one of the burst delivery structure 110 and the pressure source/pressure delivery structure 120. With respect to both the valve and the conduit 124 it is contemplated that all valves and conduits known in the art are suitable for use herein.

With respect to the membrane 130 it is generally preferred that the membrane is manufactured from polyethylene foil and ruptures at a pressure between about 10 psi to 150 psi. However, it should be recognized that many materials and configurations other than polyethylene foils are appropriate for use in conjunction with the teachings presented herein, so long as the membrane 130 encloses a compressed gas within the burst delivery structure 110 at a pressure below the rupture pressure 120, and so long as the membrane 130 ruptures at a pressure greater or equal to the rupture pressure. Particularly preferred alternative membranes comprise natural and/or synthetic polymers (e.g., polyisoprenoids, cellulose, polyester, vulcanized rubber, etc.), inorganic materials (e.g., glass fibers), and any reasonable combination thereof. Further preferred materials include biodegradable materials, or materials that dissolve in water relatively fast.

For example, where the rupture pressure is relatively moderate (*i.e.*, below 10 psi), natural and/or synthetic polymers such as polyester, polyethylene, vulcanized rubber, or polycarbonate are particularly preferred, and where desirable, may further comprise plasticizers or hardeners to modify the rupture characteristics of the membrane. Alternatively, where the rupture pressure is relatively high (*i.e.*, above 100 psi), metals and/or fiberglass reinforced synthetic polymers, or compressed and/or sintered minerals may be utilized as a membrane. Contemplated membranes may have various configurations, including flat, convex, concave, symmetric and/or asymmetric configurations.

The membrane 130 may be coupled to the opening of the burst delivery structure 110 in various positions including the outer portion of the opening, a peripheral or circumferential portion, or an inner portion. Similarly, the manner of coupling is not restricted to a particular mode, and may include transient and permanent coupling. For example, where the membrane 130 is fabricated from the same material as the container and the opening, it is contemplated that the membrane 130 may be integrally formed by a molding process. Alternatively, the membrane 130 may also be glued,

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welded, or bolted to the opening, and the mode of coupling will predominantly be determined by the material of the membrane 130. However, it is generally preferred that the membrane 130 is temporarily coupled to the opening, and appropriate temporary closing modes include threadable coupling, latching, sliding, snapping, etc. Thus, as shown in Figure 1, the membrane 130 is coupled to the burst delivery structure 110 via membrane receiver 132 which is threadably attached to the burst delivery structure 110.

It should further be recognized, that the shape of the membrane in contemplated devices need not be limited to a foil, but may vary considerably. For example, contemplated alternative shapes include a flat, biconcave, or biconvex shape, and the shape will predominantly be determined by the threshold pressure, the size of the membrane, and economic considerations. For example, where the threshold pressure is relatively low, the membrane may have the shape of a foil or membrane. On the other hand, where the threshold pressure is relatively high, the membrane may have a disc or plug shape. While it is generally preferred that the membrane has a relatively simple shape (e.g., a foil), it is also contemplated that appropriate membranes may include a more complex configuration. For example, alternative membranes include reinforcing materials, such as an integral layer of fiberglass, or an external mesh or layer of metal threads. Where controlled rupture is particularly desirable, it is contemplated that the membrane may also include predetermined breakpoints (e.g., a perforation).

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With respect to the rupture pressure at which the membrane of the contemplated devices rupture, it is contemplated that the actual rupture pressure will predominantly depend on the type, configuration, and material of the membrane. Thus, contemplated rupture pressures may vary considerably and may lie between 0.1 psi and several 100 psi or more. Contemplated rupture pressures may therefore be greater than 2 psi, greater than 20 psi, or greater than 40 psi.

A sealing element 112 is preferably movably and/or removably coupled to the burst delivery structure 110. With respect to the form and material of suitable sealing elements, it is generally preferred that the sealing element is at least partially flexible to conform to a particular shape of a drain when manual pressure is applied to the device. Thus, preferred forms and materials include

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those commonly found in household toilet bowl plungers. However, numerous alternative configurations are also contemplated, including custom-fit sealing elements that snugly engage with a particular drain, and/or rigid sealing elements, etc.

While not wishing to be bound to any particular theory, it is contemplated that dislodging or disintegration of the obstruction in the pipe may advantageously include the mass momentum of the released air or gas, and may additionally or solely profit from the generation of a shock wave upon rupture of the rupturing member. Thus, the air burst toilet flush device may be positioned in various ways, so long as the drain receives at least some of the released air or gas.

Thus, specific embodiments and applications of air burst toilet flush devices have been disclosed. It should be apparent, however, to those skilled in the art that many more modifications besides those already described are possible without departing from the inventive concepts herein. The inventive subject matter, therefore, is not to be restricted except in the spirit of the appended claims. Moreover, in interpreting both the specification and the claims, all terms should be interpreted in the broadest possible manner consistent with the context. In particular, the terms "comprises" and "comprising" should be interpreted as referring to elements, components, or steps in a non-exclusive manner, indicating that the referenced elements, components, or steps may be present, or utilized, or combined with other elements, components, or steps that are not expressly referenced.

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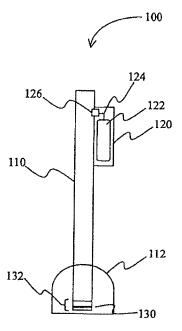


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of Information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT COVER SHEET This is a request for filing a PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT under 37 CFR 1.53(c). Express Mail Label No. EL 722858320 US INVENTOR(S) Residence Given Name (first and middle (if any)) Family Name or Surname (City and either State or Foreign Country) William B. Forti Claremont, CA William Mark Forti Claremont, CA Additional Inventors are being named on the separately numbered sheets attached hereto **TENT** TITLE OF THE INVENTION (500 characters max) Air Burst Toilet Flush Direct all correspondence to: CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS Customer Number Piece Customer Number Bar Code Label hare Type Customer Number here Firm or  $|\mathbf{X}|$ Individual Name Rutan & Tucker, LLP P.O. Box 1950 Address City Costa Mesa State CA ZIP 92626-1950 Country Telephone 714-641-5100 714-546-9035 ENCLOSED APPLICATION PARTS (check all that apply) Ţ, X Specification Number of Pages 1 CD(s), Numbar H X Drawing(s) Number of Sheets Other (specify) Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76 METHOD OF PAYMENT OF FILING FEES FOR THIS PROVISIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT FILING FEE AMOUNT (\$) X Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1,27. A check or money order is enclosed to cover the filling fees The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge filing fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number: 500341 80.00 Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. The invention was made by an agency of the United States Government or under a contract with an agency of the United States Government. X No. Yes, the name of the U.S. Government agency and the Government contract number are: Respectfully submitted, 01/11/02 SIGNATURE REGISTRATION NO. 46,697 TYPED OF PRINTED NAME Martin Fessenmaier (if appropriate) 100444.11PRO

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> Re: AIR BURST TOILET FLUSH

U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/348060 Our Reference No.: MAGENG.046PR

Dear Howard:

As discussed, we have prepared an Amendment of the Inventorship for the above identified provisional patent application entitled Air Burst Toilet Flush. Enclosed are:

- the Amendment of the Inventorship for David Turchik's signature;
- the Statement of Inventorship Error for William B. Forti's and William Mark Forti's signature:
- a pre-paid return postcard addressed to M.A.G. Engineering & Mfg. Co. Inc.; and
- an envelope addressed to the Patent Office.

As you know, the anniversary date of the provisional application is this Friday, January 11, 2003. If possible, the enclosed documents should be signed and sent to the Patent Office, along with a check for \$50.00 to the Commissioner of Patents, by this Friday.

Please let us know if you have any questions about this letter or the enclosed documents.

Enclosures

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#### AMENDEMENT OF THE INVENTORSHIP PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. 116 AND 37 CFR §1.48(d) & (e)

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 116 and 37 CFR §1.48(d) & (e), please amend the above-identified provisional patent application by correcting the following inventorship errors as indicated below.

- Add omitted inventor David M. Turchik of Corona, California
- Delete William B. Forti and William Mark Forti of Claremont, California, as inventors
- I, David M. Turchik of Corona, California, was omitted in the provisional application through error without any deceptive intention on my part.

In connection with the Amendment of the Inventorship, the following are included:

- A statement by William B Forti and William Mark Forti that the inventorship error occurred without deceptive intention on the part of such persons;
- (2) The processing fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(q); and
- (3) A pre-paid return postcard.

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### STATEMENT OF INVENTORSHIP ERROR USA PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

I hereby declare that:

I was incorrectly listed as an inventor of the subject matter disclosed in a provisional application entitled AIR BURST TOILET FLUSH, the specification of which was filed on January 11, 2002, as Application Serial No. 60/348060.

I hereby state that the inventorship error occurred without deceptive intention on my part.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Furthermore, please send future correspondences regarding this provisional patent application to the attention of Howard M. Allenbaugh at M.A.G. Engineering & Mfg. Co., Inc., 15381 Assembly Lane, Huntington Beach, California, 92649.

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Respectfully submitted,

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William B. Forti William Mark Forti April 30, 2002

We hereby acknowledge and agree to the foregoing, and specifically acknowledge and agree that (1) David M. Turchik is the sole inventor of the invention disclosed in provisional patent application No. 60/348,060, entitled Air Burst Toilet Flush, filed on January 11, 2002, and that we will voluntarily assist David M. Turchik and/or M.A.G. Engineering and Mfg., Inc. in correcting inventorship errors associated with this patent application; and (2) we will not claim or otherwise assert any rights in burst force propulsion technology, other than in toy related products, that have been disclosed to us by David M. Turchik.

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Craig Summers [CSummers@kmob.com] Friday, March 15, 2002 5:23 PM David Crowe (E-mail)

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Howard M. Allenbaugh (E-mail) FW: David Turchik - 100444.0008US1, William Mark Corp, Burst Forc e Propulsion System



David,

I understand that Howard is out of the office. Can you get a hold of David Turchik and ask him to send a letter addressed to Robert Fish which authorizes Mr. Fish to send his file on the Air Burst Toilet Flush patent application to my firm?

The letter should read substantially as follows:

Dear Mr. Fish:

This letter will authorize you to send your entire file on my invention related to the Air Burst Toilet Flush provisional patent application to:

Craig S. Summers, Esq. Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP 620 Newport Center Drive, 16th Floor Newport Beach, CA 92660

Sincerely, David Turchik

Thanks. Craig

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From: Fish, Robert [mailto:rfish@rutan.com]

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2002 4:43 PM

To: 'CSummers@kmob.com' Ca: Houston, College

Subject: FW: David Turchik - 100444.0008US1, William Mark Corp, Burst

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We still need a letter from D. Turchik instructing us to turn over the files to your office, and confirmation from you that you will be assuming responsibility for prosecution.

In the meantime, College, please just send copies of official correspondence received to date from the patent office. thanks

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From: Craig Summers [mailto:CSummers&kmob.com]

Sent: Friday, March 15, 2002 4:18 PM

To: 'rfish@rutan.com' Cc: Debbie DeLuna Subject: David Turchik

Dear Bob,

Attached is the Assignment Agreement between David Turchik and MAG Engineering related to the Air Burst Toilet Flush invention. Hopefully, you

have spoken with Mr. Turchik regarding this matter. If this is not sufficient to have you send me all of your files regarding this invention, particularly any relevant invention disclosures and prior art and the filing information, please let me know.

Sincerely, Craig Summers

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David M.. Turchik 916 Haley Talbert Drive Corona, CA 92881 (909)736-3021 Fax(909898-1336

Monday, March 18, 2002

Attn::Robert Fish Rutan and Tucker 611 Anton Blvd. Costa Mesa, CA 92626-1998

Dear Mr. Fish:

This letter will authorize you to send your entire file on my invention related to the Air Burst Toilet Flush provisional patent application to:

Craig S. Summers, Esq. Knobbe, Martens, Olson & Bear, LLP 620 Newport Center Drive, 16<sup>th</sup> Floor Newport Beach, CA 92660

Sincerely,

David Turchik



November 17, 1999

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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC

From: David M. Turchik 1580 W. Second St. Pomona, CA 91766

The undersigned, being the inventor of the disclosed invention, requests that the enclosed papers be accepted under the Disclosure Document Program, and that they be preserved for a period of two years.

Signed: N. Turchik, Inventor)

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Name of Invention: Burst Membrane Propulsion

This invention is a useful, new concept for attaining propulsion, power, and thrust, which can be utilized in a large variety of applications and is a safer method than explosive propulsion.

The chamber (see drawing) utilizes air, other gases, chemical reactions, or explosive charge to generate pressure that bursts the critical membrane or membranes for differing degrees of propulsion.

By adjusting the positioning, thickness, quantity, material and diameter of the membrane inserts, and using them in stages, the velocity generated in the chamber can be intensified to create significant propulsion and velocity which is capable of launching projectiles, rockets, or other missiles. This invention can also be utilized to expel energy sufficient to turn turbines to create electricity or for other applications which may require propulsion or power.

By inducing liquid, powder, or other substances into the mechanism, one may also propel these materials at rates of high velocity and distance.

As the inventor, I have tested this invention repeatedly, and those who have witnessed its' operation are amazed by the thrust and power exhibited by this device.

· See drawing on next page.

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David M. Turchik)

May 25,2001

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Name of Invention: Pressurized Disk Propulsion Device

This invention is a new useful concept for attaining propulsion, power, and thrust which can be utilized in a large variety of applications and is a safer method than explosive propulsion.

The chamber (see drawing) utilizes air, other gases or liquids, chemical reactions, or explosive charge to generate pressure that forces the disk of synthetic material or materials through an orifice which is placed above the disk within a chamber which produces an instantaneous burst of energy and subsequent propulsion.

By adjusting the pressure within the chamber, the positioning, thickness, quantity, material or diameter of the pressure disk, or the proportions of the retaining structure above it, the action can be intensified or reduced as required by the user. This process can be utilized to create significant propulsion and velocity which is capable of launching projectiles, rockets, or missiles. This invention can also be utilized to expel energy sufficient to turn turbines for creating electricity or for other applications which require propulsion or power.

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#### **AGREEMENT**

- 1. This agreement is by and between David M. Turchik and The William Mark Corporation. The William Mark Corporation hereby recognizes the Burst Membrane Propulsion idea as the sole invention of David M. Turchik.
- 2. David M. Turchik agrees to License exclusive rights to the William Mark Corporation in the production of toy, sports and recreation products (hereafter products) using the Burst Membrane Propulsion invention. In consideration for said rights, David M. Turchik shall receive from the William Mark Corporation a 5% (five percent) Royalty of Net Sales (Gross sales less commissions) earned by The William Mark Corporation under the condition that said technology is patentable. It will be payable on a quarterly basis, on all said products manufactured, distributed, licensed or sold by The William Mark Corporation which use the Burst Membrane Propulsion invention. Any other products, categories of other products, or ventures utilizing the Burst Membrane Propulsion which are engineered or developed by David M. Turchik shall be the property of David M. Turchik and negotiated under separate agreement or contracts. In addition, The William Mark Corporation shall pursue and apply for any Patents necessary to secure their interest in said products at their own expense, naming David M. Turchik as owner of the invention and The William Mark Corporation as License holder of all said products that utilize the Burst Membrane Propulsion invention.
- 3. In order to further the productization of Burst Membrane Technology, The William Mark Corporation shall engage David M. Turchik as an independent contractor for the engineering and development of said products which utilize the above named invention, and they agree to pay him a monthly compensation in the amount of \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) per month, beginning January 31, 2000 and continuing through December 31, 2000, after which time period the amount of compensation shall be re-negotiated. It is agreed that David M. Turchik shall be working primarily at his own business property during the above named period, and he shall be available to The William Mark Corporation for consultation and demonstration of the Burst Membrane Propulsion products being engineered and developed. It is agreed that any other services provided by David M. Turchik not involving the Burst Membrane Propulsion technology shall be billed to The William Mark Corporation separately.
- 4. In the event The William Mark Corporation is sold, merged or dissolved this agreement shall remain valid and transferable.
- 5. While working on engineering, research and development of products for The William Mark Corporation using the Burst Membrane Propulsion invention, any expenditures for parts or materials which are paid for or advanced by David M. Turchik shall be reimbursed by The William Mark Corporation upon presentation of receipts, said receipts not to exceed \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) per month.

Signed: Dan Turk	Date:	117100
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#### Non-Disclosure Agreement

This agreement is in regard to the Inventions, Ideas, and descriptive analysis presented to the undersigned by David M. Turchik, and shall not be disclosed without his explicit approval.

- 1. Any information regarding all compounds, substances, elements, chemical reactions, processes, effects and feasible devices or enigmas.
- Examples of some descriptive applications expounded on or explained by David M. Turchik pertaining to the following: a. Burst Membrane Propulsion b. Micro Energy Transference c. Hyper Gravitational Force Energy d. Kinetic Loop Motion e. Instantaneous and Rapid Reflex Power Reactors f. Dislodged Membrane Powered Devices g. Deuterium Isotope Neutron Accelerator h. Lethal and Non-Lethal Technologies i. Depth Intensity Implosion Reactor

It is acknowledged that the above described or revealed ideas and/or inventions belong explicitly to David M. Turchik, and they are not to be discussed with or divulged to any person or source without the express approval of David M. Turchik.

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# (ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION, OR C-I-P)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

### TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is for a utility application.

### INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name. I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

#### TITLE OF INVENTION

Apparatus and Methods Employing Burst Force Propulsion

## SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification is attached hereto.

# ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

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I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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- The patent application filed herewith and, to which the attached license agreement refers, is 1. identified as follows:
  - Type of application: Application of patent (37 C.F.R. section 1.53(b)) a.
  - b. Date of execution: September 20, 2000
  - Name of each inventor: c.

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- 1: Turchik, David M.
- d. Title of invention: Apparatus and Methods Employing Burst Force Propulsion

# NAME OF PARTY(IES) CONVEYING INTEREST (37 C.F.R. section 3.31(a)(1))

2. The party conveying this interest is:

Name 1: Turchik, David M.

### NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTY(IES) RECEIVING INTEREST (37 C.F.R. section 3.31(a)(2))

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RE:

Utility Patent Application Hammer Propulsion System

William Mark Corp - David Turchik

Our Ref: 444.08-US1

#### Dear Mark:

Enclosed for your records is a copy of the above referenced utility application as filed with the USPTO on October 2, 2000. We will inform you as soon as we receive the serial number and shall keep you informed of the progress in this matter.

Sincerely,

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We now have confirmation that the patent office received the above-referenced application and assigned the serial number 09/677,944. We expect to receive the foreign filing license within a few weeks. The application will then be examined by the Patent Office, and we expect to have an office action sometime within the next 12-14 months.

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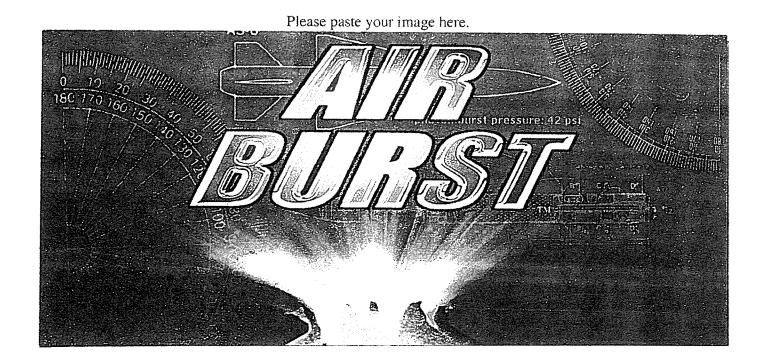
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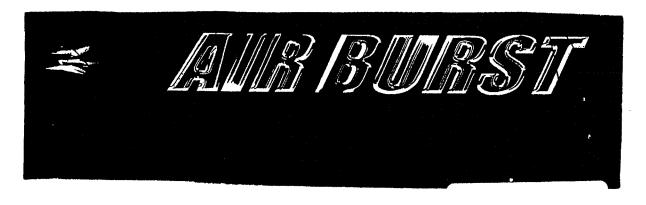


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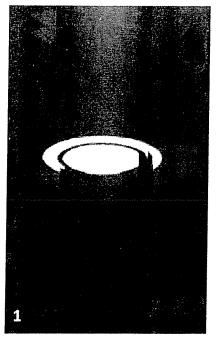
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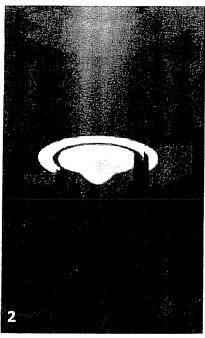
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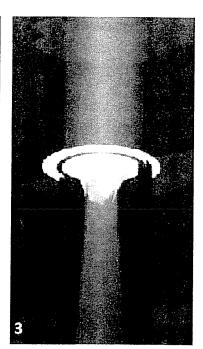
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Pressurized Air Bursts the Disk







High Velocity
Exhaust Air
Powers Device

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- 3. OFFICERS of the Corporation shall be as follows:

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- Manufacturing Costs
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It was great speaking with you this morning. Jackie and I look forward to seeing more of you and Anita in the very near future.

As we discussed, I will put together an addendum to the licensing and royalty agreement regarding Kleer Drain wherein M.A.G. will convey to you royalties owed on a semi-annual basis. As I understand the agreement, you are to be paid \$0.50 US per unit sold by M.A.G. Eng. & Mfg. Co, Inc.

In the meantime, please fax to me a copy of the licensing and royalty agreement in your possession in order that M.A.G. can retain a copy for its files.

I do look forward to seeing your inventions and collaborating with you in the future on project ideas.

All the best,

#### -Mark

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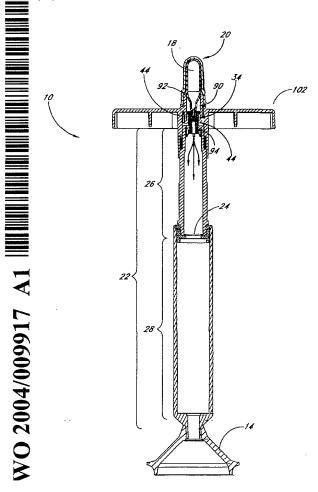
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#### AIR-BURST DRAIN PLUNGER

#### Background of the Invention

#### Field of the Invention

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The present invention generally relates to plumbing devices used to clear drains and, more specifically, to a plumbing device that uses a compressed gas to provide a sudden burst of energy to forcibly act against an obstruction that may interfere with the proper function of a drain.

#### Description of the Related Art

Clogged drains are a problem that affects millions of households and businesses each year. It is a situation that often occurs due to obstructions along the flow path of the drain by items such as paper, soap residue, hair, lotion, and stringy, fibrous waste. While there are a number of plumbing devices that offer the promise of unstopping or unclogging drains, none offer the ability to clear a clogged pipe with the efficiency, ease, affordability, and force of the present invention.

When a drain becomes clogged, there are a number of known approaches for clearing the obstruction. One of the most common methods of treating clogged drains is to use a commercial drain cleaner. However, often these drain cleaners are some of the most dangerous chemicals found in a home or business. For instance, these products commonly use lye or acid, which can harm health, the wastewater stream, and pipes.

While there are alternatives to commercial drain cleaners, the effectiveness of these alternatives generally requires an appreciable amount of manual force or the sacrifice of flexibility and mobility. For instance, some devices use a simple force cup plunger, or a bellows-style plunger, to open a clogged sink drain by repeatedly pumping the plunger up and down directly over the clogged drain. While these plungers avoid the caustic chemicals associated with drain cleaners, they are generally less effective and require a significant amount of manual labor. As one may appreciate, the need to pump the plunger in a repetitive manner may cause a person to become quite exhausted and, indeed, may be beyond the ability of some individuals. In addition, depending on the size or number of obstructions, the use of manual labor may not be sufficient to dislodge the obstruction from the drain.

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