

PATENT ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET

Electronic Version v1.1
 Stylesheet Version v1.2

EPAS ID: PAT3008899

SUBMISSION TYPE:	NEW ASSIGNMENT
NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:	ASSIGNMENT

CONVEYING PARTY DATA

Name	Execution Date
MATTHEW A. WILLIAMS	09/04/2014
TERRENCE L. STANEK	08/28/2014
JEFFREY L. YOUNG	09/02/2014

RECEIVING PARTY DATA

Name:	EMERSON ELECTRIC CO.
Street Address:	8000 W. FLORISSANT AVENUE
City:	ST. LOUIS
State/Country:	MISSOURI
Postal Code:	63136

PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 1

Property Type	Number
Application Number:	14021959

CORRESPONDENCE DATA

Fax Number: (713)800-5699

Correspondence will be sent to the e-mail address first; if that is unsuccessful, it will be sent using a fax number, if provided; if that is unsuccessful, it will be sent via US Mail.

Phone: 7138005700

Email: SMDdocket@smd-iplaw.com

Correspondent Name: SUTTON MCAUGHAN DEEVER, PLC

Address Line 1: THREE RIVERWAY, SUITE 900

Address Line 4: HOUSTON, TEXAS 77056

ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER:	1302.00425.US02
NAME OF SUBMITTER:	DANNY VARA
SIGNATURE:	/Danny Vara/
DATE SIGNED:	09/04/2014

Total Attachments: 5

source=00425.US02 - exAssignment#page1.tif

source=00425.US02 - exAssignment#page2.tif

source=00425.US02 - exAssignment#page3.tif

source=00425.US02 - exAssignment#page4.tif

source=00425.US02 - exAssignment#page5.tif

PATENT

**ASSIGNMENT
AND/OR
RATIFICATION OF ASSIGNMENT
OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, We, the undersigned, hereafter individually and collectively, “**Assignor**,” have jointly invented and developed certain new and useful methods, devices, and/or systems that are disclosed, taught and/or claimed in one or more of the applications for patent listed below, entitled “VACUUM APPLIANCE FILTER ASSEMBLIES AND ASSOCIATED VACUUM SYSTEMS” (hereafter, collectively, “**Application**”).

Country	Application Number	Filing Date
U.S.	14/021,959	September 9, 2013

WHEREAS, **EMERSON ELECTRIC CO.**, a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Missouri and having a place of business at 8000 West Florissant Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri, 63136, U.S.A., hereafter “**Assignee**,” to the extent not already transferred to **Assignee** by an existing assignment obligation from me/us or by a prior written agreement and/or other legal relationship between **Assignee** and **Assignor**, is desirous of acquiring the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to, and possession of: a) the **Application** and all rights thereto; b) the subject matter disclosed, taught and/or claimed in the **Application**; and c) all tangible materials and intangible information concerning the Application and its subject matter, including but not limited to, copyrighted materials, know-how, confidential and proprietary information and trade secrets (hereafter, collectively, the “**Intellectual Property**”).

NOW, THEREFORE, for one dollar (US\$1.00) and/or other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which We hereby acknowledged, **Assignor** and **Assignee** agree as follows.

1. **Ratification of Prior Assignment.** **Assignor** hereby ratifies and acknowledges his/her/their prior assignment to **Assignee** of the aforesaid **Intellectual Property**, which assignment transferred the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to, and possession and use of, the aforesaid **Intellectual Property**, in all countries, regions and political subdivisions throughout the world, including without limitation, as applicable, the right to claim priority thereto or benefit thereof in all future applications for patent; the right to file and prosecute all related applications in the United States, in any foreign country or with any application filing convention or treaty, disclosing and/or claiming the **Intellectual Property**, in whole or in part, including, without limitation, all provisional applications, non-provisional applications, divisional applications, continuation applications, continuation-in-part applications, renewals, reissues, reexaminations, substitutes or extensions thereof; the right to all patents or other related property right that may be issued or granted thereon anywhere in the world; the right to all income, royalties, damages and payments now or hereafter due or payable with respect to any patent or other right described herein; the right to all causes of action (either in law or in equity); the right to sue, counterclaim, and recover for past, present and future infringement of the rights described herein; all as fully and entirely the same as would have been held and enjoyed by **Assignor** if the transfer and assignment described herein had not

been made.

2. **Present Assignment.** To the extent **Assignor** has not already assigned to **Assignee** all or any of the aforesaid **Intellectual Property**, **Assignor** does hereby assign, transfer and forever convey, to **Assignee**, its successors and assigns, the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to, and possession and use of, the aforesaid **Intellectual Property**, in all countries, regions and political subdivisions throughout the world, including without limitation, as applicable, the right to claim priority thereto or benefit thereof in all future applications for patent; the right to file and prosecute all related applications in the United States, in any foreign country or with any application filing convention or treaty, disclosing and/or claiming the **Intellectual Property**, in whole or in part, including, without limitation, all provisional applications, non-provisional applications, divisional applications, continuation applications, continuation-in-part applications, renewals, reissues, reexaminations, substitutes or extensions thereof; the right to all patents or other related property right that may be issued or granted thereon anywhere in the world; the right to all income, royalties, damages and payments now or hereafter due or payable with respect to any patent or other right transferred herein; the right to all causes of action (either in law or in equity); the right to sue, counterclaim, and recover for past, present and future infringement of the rights transferred herein; all as fully and entirely the same as would have been held and enjoyed by **Assignor** if the transfer and assignment had not been made.

3. **Issuance to Assignee.** **Assignor** hereby authorizes and requests the appropriate governmental official to issue any and all patents, certificates, registrations, grants or related property right assigned hereunder, to **Assignee**, as the owner of the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the same.

4. **Warranty of Title.** **Assignor** hereby represents, warrants and covenants that **Assignor** had the full right to convey the interest herein ratified and/or has the full right to convey the interest herein assigned; that **Assignor** has not executed and will not execute any agreement, instrument or assignment in conflict herewith; and that the rights ratified and/or assigned herein are not subject to any other grant, license or right, or otherwise encumbered.

5. **Further Actions.** **Assignor** hereby covenants and agrees that **Assignor** will at any time upon request make, execute and deliver without further compensation, any and all other instruments in writing, including further applications, papers, affidavits, powers of attorney, assignments, and other documents; and do all lawful acts and things, which, in the opinion of **Assignee**, its successors and assigns, may in any country be required or necessary more effectively to secure to and vest in **Assignee**, its successors and assigns, the property ratified or transferred herein; and that **Assignor** will execute any application for reissue, division, continuation, continuation-in-part, counterpart, renewal, reexamination, correction, substitute or extension of said **Intellectual Property** or any resulting patent or related property right. **Assignor** covenants and agrees that **Assignor** will at any time upon request communicate to the **Assignee**, its successors, assigns or other legal representatives any facts relating to the aforesaid **Application** and **Intellectual Property** known to him/her, and will testify as to the same in any interference, litigation, mediation, arbitration or other proceeding when requested to do so.

6. **Confidentiality.** **Assignor** hereby covenants and agrees to maintain as

confidential all non-public aspects and details of the **Intellectual Property** unless and until such time as such aspects or details become publicly known through no fault of **Assignor**. **Assignor** agrees and understands that this obligation of confidentiality continues to exist regardless of whether **Assignor** is employed by **Assignee** or not. **Assignor** agrees and understands that this obligation of confidentiality is supplemental to all other obligations of confidence that **Assignor** may now or hereafter owe to **Assignee**.

7. **Assignee as Attorney-in-fact**. To the extent **Assignor** is unavailable, unable or unwilling to execute and/or deliver any instrument described in paragraph 5, **Assignor** hereby appoints each officer of **Assignee**, and specifically appoints **Assignee's** general counsel whether or not an officer, as his/her/their limited attorney in fact for the sole and limited purpose of executing such instrument.

8. **No Challenge**. **Assignor** hereby covenants and agrees that **Assignor** will never challenge or aid the challenge by another of the validity or enforceability of the **Intellectual Property** ratified or transferred hereunder.

9. **Choice of Law**. **Assignor** hereby covenants and agrees that the laws of the State of Missouri shall control the interpretation and effect of this document and without application of that state's laws concerning conflict of law.

10. **Severability**. **Assignor** and **Assignee** hereby agree that this agreement is severable in the event one or more clauses, covenants or obligations set forth in this agreement are found to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction. **Assignor** and **Assignee** hereby agree that those clauses, covenants and obligations that are not found to be invalid or unenforceable shall be enforced as if the severed clause, covenant or obligation had never existed.

11. **Legal Counsel** **ASSIGNOR UNDERSTANDS AND ACKNOWLEDGES THAT NEITHER IN-HOUSE LEGAL COUNSEL FOR ASSIGNEE NOR OUTSIDE LEGAL COUNSEL REPRESENTING ASSIGNEE CONCERNING THIS AGREEMENT OR THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY REFERENCED IN THIS AGREEMENT, REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF ASSIGNOR, OR ANY OF THEM, CONCERNING THIS AGREEMENT OR THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY REFERENCED IN THIS AGREEMENT. ASSIGNOR FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT HE/SHE/THEY HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH LEGAL COUNSEL OF HIS/HER/THEIR OWN CHOOSING AND AT HIS/HER/THEIR OWN COST CONCERNING THE EFFECT AND PURPOSE OF THIS AGREEMENT AND THE SCOPE OF THE RIGHTS TRANSFERRED HEREUNDER, AND THAT ASSIGNOR VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT RESERVATION OF ANY KIND AGREES TO BE BOUND BY THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN.**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, **Assignor** have hereunto set his/her/their hand and seal.

ASSIGNOR

[Signature]
Signature

Matthew A. Williams
Name and Title

3230 Bridgeport Place Drive
Address

Bridgeton, MO 63044

09/04/2014
Date of Execution

*** NOTARIZATION IS PREFERRED, BUT NOT REQUIRED ***

STATE OF MISSOURI §
COUNTY OF ST LOUIS §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared MATTHEW A. WILLIAMS, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of office this 4th day of Sept, 2014.

SANDRA L. SREDL
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Franklin County
My Commission Expires: September 20, 2015
Commission Number: 11660730

[Signature]
[NOTARY STAMP]

ASSIGNOR

[Signature]
Signature

Terrence L. Stanek
Name and Title

6 WHITE RIVER LN.
Address

DEFIANCE, MO 63341

8-28-2014
Date of Execution

NOTARIZATION IS PREFERRED, BUT NOT REQUIRED ***

STATE OF Missouri §
COUNTY OF Saint Charles §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared TERRENCE L. STANEK, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of office this 28 day of August 2014.

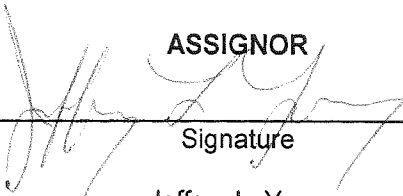


KARLA D. WELCH
My Commission Expires
October 2, 2016
St. Charles County
Commission #12642473

[NOTARY STAMP]
[Signature] 8-28-14

*** NOTARIZATION IS PREFERRED, BUT NOT REQUIRED ***

ASSIGNOR



 Signature
 Jeffrey L. Young

 Name and Title

STATE OF MISSOURI §
 COUNTY OF _____ §

6 Long Branch Ct.

 Address
 St. Peters, MO 63376

 Date of Execution

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared JEFFREY L. YOUNG, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND and seal of office this ____ day of _____, 2014.

[NOTARY STAMP]

