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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND GLOBAL ASSIGNMENT  
FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN PATENT APPLICATION**

As the below named inventor(s), I/we hereby declare that:

This declaration and assignment are directed to:

**AUTOMATIC RING VALVE SHUTTERS FOR AUTOMATIC RING VALVES AND METHOD  
FOR MANUFACTURING SAID SHUTTERS**

- ☐ the specification of which is attached hereto OR  
☒ United States application or PCT international application number

\_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_, as  
amended on [date] (if applicable).  
(We hereby authorize and request the Company or its delegated attorneys or agents to  
insert above the application number and filing date of the application when known.)

The above-identified application was made or authorized to be made by us.

We believe that we are original joint inventors of a claimed invention in the application.

We hereby acknowledge that any willful false statement made in this declaration is punishable  
under 18 USC § 1001 by fine or imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, or both.

We have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application,  
including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this  
application as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56, including, for continuation-in-part applications, material  
information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the filing  
date of the continuation-in-part application.

In accordance with our obligation(s) under an Employee Innovation and Proprietary Information  
Agreement or (as applicable) arising out of other agreements (such as, but not limited to, the  
Services Agreement between General Electric Company, a New York corporation, and our  
employers), and/or for other good and valuable consideration of which we acknowledge receipt,  
I/we,

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Francesco		BUFFA	of	Firenze	FI	IT
Alberto		BABBINI	of	Firenze	FI	IT
Pierluigi		TOZZI	of	Firenze	FI	IT

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hereby sell and assign to:

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herein referred to as "Company", its successors and assigns our entire respective rights, titles and interests in and to the invention and improvements made or conceived by us described in the application(s) listed above and in the following table:

Country of Filing	Type of Filing	Application Number	Filing Date	Title
IT	PRI-Priority Application	FI2013A000243	October 16, 2013	AUTOMATIC RING VALVE, SHUTTERS FOR AUTOMATIC RING VALVES, AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAID SHUTTERS
WO	PCT	PCT/EP2014/07188 8	October 13, 2014	AUTOMATIC RING VALVE, SHUTTERS FOR AUTOMATIC RING VALVES, AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SAID SHUTTERS

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and any and all applications for patent and patents therefrom in any and all countries, including all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part, reexaminations, renewals, and reissues thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of the application(s), and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on the inventions and improvements resulting therefrom to the Company, or its successors or assigns, and agree that on request and without further consideration, we will communicate to the Company or its representatives or nominees any facts known to us respecting the inventions and improvements

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and testify in any legal proceeding, make all rightful oaths, sign all lawful papers and execute all instruments or documents required or requested for the making and prosecution of any applications of any type for patent, utility model, or other similar rights in all countries including, but not limited to, any provisional, non-provisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, renewal or substitute thereof, for any derivation proceedings relating thereto, and, as to any patents that issue from such applications, for any supplemental examination, derivation proceeding, opposition, post grant review, reissue, re-examination, inter partes review, or extension thereof, and generally do everything possible to aid the Company, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for the invention and its improvements in all countries.

Remuneration claims of the inventor(s)/assignor(s) potentially arising from German Law on Employee Inventions, or any other respective country law, remain unaffected by this assignment.

INVENTOR 1

Signature: Francesco Buffa  
Francesco BUFFA

Date: SEP 5<sup>th</sup> 2016

Witnessed by: Francesco Casoli  
Signature

Date: SEP 5<sup>th</sup> 2016

Francesco Casoli  
Printed Name of Witness

Witnessed by: DAVIDE ZILLOTTI  
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Date: SEP 5<sup>th</sup> 2016

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Printed Name of Witness

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Francesco BUFFA

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF

COUNTY OF

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ before me personally came the above-named Francesco BUFFA, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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(Notary Public)

GE Docket No. 265077

INVENTOR 2

Signature: [Signature]  
Alberto BABBINI

Date: 5/9/2014

Witnessed by: [Signature]  
Signature

Date: 5/9/2014

FEDERICO PUCCINELLI  
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Date: 5/9/2014

FRANCESCO CHIESI  
Printed Name of Witness

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Alberto BABBINI

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ before me personally came the above-named Alberto BABBINI, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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INVENTOR 3

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Pierluigi TOZZI

Date: 05/09/2014

Witnessed by: [Signature]  
Signature

Date: 05/09/2014

ANTONELLA DI MATTEO  
Printed Name of Witness

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Date: 05/09/2014

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Pierluigi TOZZI

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ before me personally came the above-named Pierluigi TOZZI, to me personally known as the individual who executed the foregoing assignment, who acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same of his/her own free will for the purposes therein set forth.

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(Notary Public)