

TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Taper-Lok, L.L.C., a Texas limited liability company having its principal place of business at 12431 Taylor Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas (hereinafter "Assignor"), has adopted and is using the trademark described in Schedule A and for which said Assignor has registered in the United States Patent and Trademark Office; and

WHEREAS, Specialty Piping Components, Inc., a Texas corporation having its principal place of business at 550 Westcott, Suite 500, Houston, Texas (hereinafter "Assignee") is desirous of acquiring said trademark and registration therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, said Assignor does hereby assign unto said Assignee all of its right, title, and interest in the trademark and the registration thereof listed on Schedule A hereto, together with the good will of the business symbolized by the trademark.

Dated: May 18, 1998

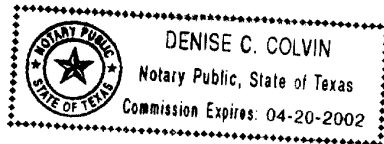
TAPER-LOK, L.L.C.

By: *Robert C. Hagner*
Robert C. Hagner, President

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on May 21 1998, by Robert C. Hagner, President, on behalf of Taper-Lok, L.L.C., a Texas corporation.

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Denise C. Colvin
In and for the STATE OF TEXAS
My commission expires: 04-20-2002