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2. Additional names and addresses of Receiving parties
  - A. Northwest Pipe & Casing Company - An OREGON Corporation  
12005 N. Burgard Street  
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RELEASE OF PATENT, TRADEMARK AND LICENSE COLLATERAL

THIS RELEASE OF PATENT, TRADEMARK AND LICENSE COLLATERAL (this "Release") is made as of December 1, 1997, by the CIT Group/Business Credit, Inc. ("CITBC"), the secured party under that certain Amended and Restated Grant of Security Interest in Patents, Trademarks and Licenses referred to below.

W I T N E S S E T H:

WHEREAS, Northwest Pipe Company, an Oregon corporation, Thompson Pipe and Steel Company, a Colorado corporation and Thompson Steel Pipe Company, a Delaware corporation (collectively "Borrowers") executed that certain Amended and Restated Grant of Security Interest in Patents, Trademarks and Licenses (the "Security Agreement") dated as of May 31, 1996 pursuant to which Borrowers granted a security interest to CITBC in certain trademarks, patents and licenses of Borrowers; and

WHEREAS, said Security Agreement was recorded with the Assignment Branch of the United States Patent and Trademark Office on August 19, 1996 at Reel 1496, Frame 734; and

WHEREAS, CITBC has agreed to release all its rights under such Security Agreement, including in the trademarks identified on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "Released Collateral"), and to reconvey any and all rights in the Released Collateral to Borrowers.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and other good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, CITBC hereby releases all its rights in and to the Released Collateral, reconveys to the persons legally entitled thereto all of CITBC's right, title and interest in and to the Released Collateral, releases all other rights it may have under said Security Agreement with respect to the Released Collateral and cancels such Security Agreement in its entirety, all without warranty or representation of any kind.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, CITBC has caused this Release to be duly executed on the date first above written.

THE CIT GROUP/BUSINESS CREDIT, INC.

By: Robert Castine  
Name: Robert Castine  
Title: Assistant Vice President

**EXHIBIT A**

**TO RELEASE OF PATENT, TRADEMARK AND LICENSE COLLATERAL**

**Registration /Serial Nos.**

1,824,889

1,541,218

1,837,711

1,362,903 (73/529,9670)

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May 15, 1998

Via Federal Express

United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Box Assignment - 10th Floor  
2800 Crystal Drive  
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: Release of Patent Trademark and License Collateral

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing is a Release of Patent, Trademark and License Collateral and the Recordation Form Cover Sheet for trademark Registration Nos. 1,824,889; 1,541,218; 1,837,711; and 1,362,903.

Please charge the recording fees against our Deposit Account No. 01-2704. An extra copy of this letter and a duplicate copy of the Recordation Form Cover Sheet are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

*Marlene Elser*

Marlene Elser,  
Paralegal

Enclosures

cc: Christopher Davis (w/encls)  
Valerie D. Fisher (w/encls)

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August 24, 1998

Via Express Mail

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Assignment Division  
Box Assignment, CG-4  
1213 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Suite 320  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Per your July 26, 1998 letter, enclosed for recording is the resubmitted Trademark Cover sheet and attachments with Mr. Kaminash's signature.

Very truly yours,



Marlene Elser  
Trademark Legal Assistant

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