

TRADEMARK ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET

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NATURE OF CONVEYANCE:	SECURITY INTEREST		
CONVEYING PARTY DATA			
Name	Formerly	Execution Date	Entity Type
American Valve, Inc.		06/30/2020	Corporation: NORTH CAROLINA
RECEIVING PARTY DATA			
Name:	Lighthouse Financial Corp.		
Street Address:	925 West Market Street		
City:	Greensboro		
State/Country:	NORTH CAROLINA		
Postal Code:	27401		
Entity Type:	Corporation: NORTH CAROLINA		
PROPERTY NUMBERS Total: 11			
Property Type	Number	Word Mark	
Registration Number:	6072581	AMERICAN VALVE	
Registration Number:	5886578	SCALERX	
Registration Number:	5119909	HUDSON BRASS WORKS	
Registration Number:	5065517	ARIA	
Registration Number:	4998942	HUDSON BRASS WORKS	
Registration Number:	4076790	4000	
Registration Number:	3562286	VIPERLOK	
Registration Number:	2450532	4000 SERIES	
Registration Number:	1745513	AMERICAN VALVE	
Registration Number:	1748114	A	
Registration Number:	1745514	AMERICAN VALVE	
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NAME OF SUBMITTER: Madonna A. Evans

SIGNATURE: /mae/

DATE SIGNED: 07/09/2020

Total Attachments: 10

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TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT

THIS TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), is made and entered into this 30th day of June, 2020, between AMERICAN VALVE, INC., a North Carolina corporation ("Borrower"), and LIGHTHOUSE FINANCIAL CORP., a North Carolina corporation ("Lender").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Borrower proposes to enter into a certain Loan and Security Agreement, dated of even date herewith (the Loan and Security Agreement, as it may hereafter be amended, modified, supplemented or restated from time to time, being herein called the "Loan Agreement"), with Lender pursuant to which Lender will make loans and extend credit to Borrower, all as more particularly described therein; and

WHEREAS, as a condition precedent to Lender's entering into the Loan Agreement and making loans and extending credit to Borrower pursuant thereto, Lender has required the execution of this Agreement by Borrower in favor of Lender.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound hereby, Borrower agrees with Lender as follows:

1. Defined Terms. All capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Loan Agreement.

2. Grant of Security Interest. As security for the payment and performance of the Obligations, Borrower hereby assigns, grants, transfers and conveys to Lender, for security purposes, all of Borrower's right, title and interest in, to and under the following property used by Borrower in its business, in each case whether now existing or hereafter acquired or arising and whether registered and unregistered and wherever the same may be located (the "Trademark Collateral"):

(a) all state (including common law), federal and foreign trademarks, service marks and trade names, corporate names, company names, business names, fictitious business names, trade styles, trade dress, logos, other source or business identifiers, domain names, designs and general intangibles of like natures held by Borrower, now existing or hereafter adopted or acquired, together with and including all licenses therefor held by Borrower (unless otherwise prohibited by any license or related licensing agreement under circumstances where the granting of the security interest would have the effect under applicable law of the termination or permitting termination of the license for breach and where the licensor has elected such termination remedy), and all registrations and recordings thereof, and all applications filed or to be filed in connection therewith, including registrations and applications in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, any State of the United States or any other country or any political subdivision thereof, and all extensions or renewals thereof, including any of the foregoing identified on

Schedule A hereto (as the same may be amended, modified or supplemented from time to time), and the right (but not the obligation) to register claims under any state or federal trademark law or regulation or any trademark law or regulation of any foreign country and to apply for, renew and extend any of the same, to sue or bring opposition or cancellation proceedings in the name of Borrower or in the name of Lender for past, present or future infringement or unconsented use thereof, and all rights arising therefrom throughout the world (collectively, the "Trademarks");

(b) all claims, causes of action and rights to sue for past, present or future infringement or unconsented use of any Trademarks and all rights arising therefrom and pertaining thereto;

(c) all general intangibles related to or arising out of any of the Trademarks and all the goodwill of Borrower's business symbolized by the Trademarks or associated therewith; and

(d) all proceeds of any and all of the foregoing Trademark Collateral, including, without limitation, license royalties, rights to payment, accounts receivable, proceeds of infringement suits and all payments under insurance or any indemnity, warranty or guaranty payable by reason or loss or damage to or otherwise with respect to the foregoing Trademark Collateral.

3. Representations, Warranties and Covenants of Borrower. Borrower represents, warrants and covenants that:

(a) The Trademark Collateral is, to the best of its knowledge, subsisting and has not been judged invalid or unenforceable;

(b) Borrower is the sole and exclusive owner of the entire and unencumbered right, title and interest in and to the Trademark Collateral;

(c) Borrower has used, and will continue to use for the duration of this Agreement, proper statutory notice in connection with its use of the Trademark Collateral;

(d) Borrower will maintain the quality of the products associated with the Trademark Collateral, generally at a level consistent with the quality as of the effective date of this Agreement, subject to the introduction of new products from time to time, and product modifications in the ordinary course of business; and

(e) Borrower has the unqualified right to enter into this Agreement and perform its terms.

4. Reserved.

5. Restrictions on Future Agreements. Borrower agrees that, until all of the Obligations have been satisfied in full and the Loan Agreement has been terminated in writing, it will not without Lender's prior written consent, enter into any agreement which is inconsistent with Borrower's duties under this Agreement, and Borrower further agrees that it will not take any action, or permit any action to be taken by others subject to its control, including licensees, or fail to take any action, which would affect the validity and enforcement of the rights granted to Lender under this Agreement.

6. After-Acquired Trademark Rights. If, before the Obligations have been satisfied in full, Borrower shall obtain rights to any new trademarks, or become entitled to the benefit of any trademark application or trademark for any renewal of any Trademark, the provisions of paragraph 1 hereof shall automatically apply thereto, and Borrower shall give to Lender prompt notice thereof in writing. Borrower authorizes Lender to modify this Agreement by amending Schedule A to include any future trademarks and trademark applications which are Trademark Collateral under paragraph 1 hereof or this paragraph 6.

7. Borrower's Rights Prior to Event of Default. Unless and until there shall have occurred and be continuing an Event of Default (as defined in the Loan Agreement), Borrower shall continue to own, and may use and enjoy the Trademark Collateral in connection with its business operations, but only in a manner consistent with the presentation of their current substance, validity and registration.

8. Remedies Upon Event of Default. If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, Lender shall have, in addition to all other rights and remedies given it by this Agreement, those allowed by law and, specifically, those of a Lender under the Code. Notice of any sale or other disposition of the Trademark Collateral shall be deemed reasonable and sufficient if given the Borrower at least ten (10) days before the time of any intended public or private sale or other disposition of any of the Trademark Collateral is to be made.

9. Power of Attorney. Borrower hereby makes, constitutes and appoints Lender and any officer or agent of Lender as Lender may select as Borrower's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power to do any or all of the following if an Event of Default shall occur and be continuing: to endorse Borrower's name on all applications, documents, papers and instruments necessary for Lender to use the Trademark Collateral, or to grant or issue any exclusive or nonexclusive license under the Trademark Collateral to anyone else as necessary for Lender to assign, pledge, convey or otherwise transfer title in or dispose of the Trademark Collateral to anyone else. Borrower hereby ratifies all that such attorney shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. This power of attorney shall be irrevocable until all of the Obligations shall have been satisfied in full and the Loan Agreement shall have been terminated in writing.

10. Release of Security Interest. At such time as all of the Obligations shall have been satisfied and paid in full, Lender shall execute and deliver to Borrower all releases, termination statements, and other instruments as may be necessary or proper to release or reflect the release of Lender's security interest in the Trademark Collateral, including all documentation necessary to reflect such release in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

11. Costs and Expenses. Any and all fees, costs and expenses, of whatever kind or nature, including reasonable attorneys' fees and legal expenses, incurred by Lender in connection with the preparation of this Agreement and all other documents relating hereto and the consummation of this transaction, the filing or recording of any documents (including all taxes in connection therewith) in public offices, the payment or discharge of any taxes, counsel fees, maintenance fees, encumbrances or otherwise protecting, maintaining, or preserving the Trademark Collateral, or in defending or prosecuting any actions or proceedings arising out of or related to the Trademark Collateral, shall be borne and paid by Borrower on demand by Lender and until so paid shall be added to the amount of the Obligations and shall bear interest at the rate prescribed in the Loan Agreement. All references in this Agreement to attorneys' fees or legal fees shall mean attorneys' fees determined based on customary hourly rates and not based on a percentage of the indebtedness.

12. Litigation and Proceedings.

(a) Borrower shall have the duty, through counsel acceptable to Lender, to prosecute diligently any trademark application of the Trademarks pending as of the date of this Agreement or thereafter, other than those discontinued or abandoned in the ordinary course of business, until the Obligations shall have been paid in full and to preserve and maintain all rights in trademark applications and trademarks of the Trademarks in the ordinary course of business. Any expenses incurred in connection with such an application shall be borne by Borrower. Borrower shall not abandon any right to file a trademark application, or any pending trademark application or trademark, other than those discontinued or abandoned in the ordinary course of business without the consent of Lender, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(b) Lender shall have the right, but shall in no way be obligated, to bring suit in its own name, as the holder of a security interest in the Trademark Collateral, to enforce the Trademarks, and any license thereunder, in which event Borrower shall at the request of Lender do any and all lawful acts (including bringing suit) and execute any and all proper documents required by Lender in aid of such enforcement and Borrower shall promptly, upon demand, reimburse and indemnify the Lender for all costs and expenses incurred in the exercise of its rights under this paragraph 12. Nothing herein shall be deemed to prohibit Borrower from bringing any such suit in its own name at any time that an Event of Default does not exist, if Lender declines to institute suit.

13. Lender May Perform. If Borrower fails to comply with any of its obligations hereunder, Lender may do so in Borrower's name or in Lender's name, but at Borrower's expense, and Borrower agrees to reimburse Lender in full for all expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by Lender in prosecuting, defending or maintaining the Trademarks or Lender's interest therein pursuant to this Agreement.

14. Severability. The provisions of this Agreement are severable, and if any clause or provision shall be held invalid and unenforceable in whole or in part in any jurisdiction, then such invalidity or unenforceability shall affect only such clause or provision, or part thereof, in

such jurisdiction, and shall not in any manner affect such clause or provision in any other jurisdiction, or any other clause or provision of this Agreement in any jurisdiction.

15. Modification. This Agreement is subject to modification only by a writing signed by the parties, except as provided in paragraph 6 hereof.

16. Binding Effect; Benefits. The benefits and burdens of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the respective successors and permitted assigns of the parties.

17. Notices. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be made by e-mail, personal delivery, or overnight air courier or certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, and shall be deemed to be received by the other party one (1) Business Day after sending, if sent by e-mail or overnight air courier, and three (3) Business Days after mailing, if sent by certified or registered mail. All notices addressed to the party to be notified as follows:

If to Borrower, at: American Valve, Inc.
4940 Peachtree Industrial Blvd, Suite 390
Berkeley Lake, Georgia 30071
and
4321 Piedmont Parkway
Greensboro, North Carolina, 27410
Attn: Seth Guterman
E-mail: seth@americanvalve.com

If to Lender, at: Lighthouse Financial Corp.
925 West Market Street
Greensboro, North Carolina 27403
Attn: Mark Walling
E-mail: mwalling@lighthousefinancial.net

or to such other address as each party may designate for itself by like notice given in accordance with this Section 17.

18. Governing Law; Consent to Forum. THIS AGREEMENT HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED, EXECUTED AND DELIVERED AT AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. AS PART OF THE CONSIDERATION FOR NEW VALUE RECEIVED, AND REGARDLESS OF ANY PRESENT OR FUTURE DOMICILE OR PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS OF THE BORROWER OR THE LENDER, THE BORROWER HEREBY CONSENTS AND AGREES THAT THE SUPERIOR COURT OF GUILFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, OR, AT THE LENDER'S OPTION, THE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA, GREENSBORO DIVISION, SHALL HAVE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION TO HEAR AND DETERMINE ANY CLAIMS OR DISPUTES BETWEEN THE BORROWER AND THE LENDER PERTAINING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR TO ANY MATTER ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT. THE BORROWER EXPRESSLY SUBMITS AND CONSENTS IN ADVANCE TO SUCH JURISDICTION IN ANY ACTION OR SUIT COMMENCED IN ANY SUCH COURT, AND THE BORROWER HEREBY WAIVES ANY OBJECTION WHICH THE BORROWER MAY HAVE BASED UPON LACK OF PERSONAL JURISDICTION, IMPROPER VENUE OR FORUM NON CONVENIENS AND HEREBY CONSENTS TO THE GRANTING OF SUCH LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RELIEF AS IS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY SUCH COURT. THE BORROWER HEREBY WAIVES PERSONAL SERVICE OF THE SUMMONS, COMPLAINT AND OTHER PROCESS ISSUED IN ANY SUCH ACTION OR SUIT AND AGREES THAT SERVICE OF SUCH SUMMONS, COMPLAINT AND OTHER PROCESS MAY BE MADE BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL ADDRESSED TO THE BORROWER AT THE ADDRESS SET FORTH IN THIS AGREEMENT AND THAT SERVICE SO MADE SHALL BE DEEMED COMPLETED UPON THE EARLIER OF THE BORROWER'S ACTUAL RECEIPT THEREOF OR 3 DAYS AFTER DEPOSIT IN THE U.S. MAILED, PROPER POSTAGE PREPAID. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE DEEMED OR OPERATE TO AFFECT THE RIGHT OF THE LENDER TO SERVE LEGAL PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY LAW, OR TO PRECLUDE THE ENFORCEMENT BY THE LENDER OF ANY JUDGMENT OR ORDER OBTAINED IN SUCH FORUM OR THE TAKING OF ANY ACTION UNDER THIS AGREEMENT TO ENFORCE THIS AGREEMENT IN ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE FORUM OR JURISDICTION.

19. Waiver of Jury Trial. THE BORROWER WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY (WHICH THE LENDER HEREBY ALSO WAIVES) IN ANY ACTION, SUIT, PROCEEDING OR COUNTERCLAIM OF ANY KIND ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, ANY OF THE LOAN DOCUMENTS, THE OBLIGATIONS OR THE COLLATERAL. THE BORROWER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THIS WAIVER IS A MATERIAL INDUCEMENT TO THE LENDER'S ENTERING INTO THE LOAN AGREEMENT AND EXTENDING CREDIT TO THE BORROWER THEREUNDER AND THAT THE LENDER IS RELYING UPON THIS WAIVER IN ITS FUTURE DEALINGS WITH THE BORROWER. THE BORROWER WARRANTS AND REPRESENTS THAT IT HAS REVIEWED THE FOREGOING WAIVER WITH ITS LEGAL COUNSEL AND HAS KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY WAIVED ITS JURY TRIAL RIGHTS FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH LEGAL COUNSEL. IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, THIS AGREEMENT MAY BE FILED AS A WRITTEN CONSENT TO A TRIAL BY THE COURT.

[signatures appear on the following page]

[signature page to Trademark Security Agreement]

WITNESS the execution hereof on the day and year first above written.

BORROWER:

AMERICAN VALVE, INC.

By: *Seth Guterman*

Name: Seth Guterman

Title: President

LIGHTHOUSE FINANCIAL CORP.
("Lender")

By: _____

Title: _____

Georgia
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Gwinnett

I certify that the following person personally appeared before me this day, acknowledging to me that he signed the foregoing document: **Seth Guterman**.

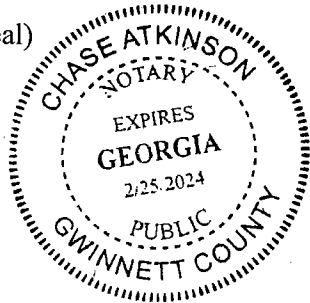
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Chase Atkinson

Print Name: Chase Atkinson

Notary Public

(Official Seal)



My Commission expires: 2/25/2024

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WITNESS the execution hereof on the day and year first above written.

BORROWER:

AMERICAN VALVE, INC.

By: _____
Name: Seth Guterman
Title: President

LIGHTHOUSE FINANCIAL CORP.
("Lender")

By: M. Walsh
Title: RVP

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF _____

I certify that the following person personally appeared before me this day, acknowledging to me that he signed the foregoing document: **Seth Guterman**.

Date: _____, 2020

Print Name: _____
Notary Public

(Official Seal)

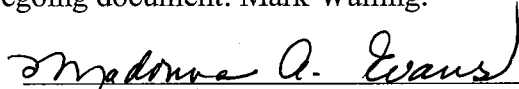
My Commission expires: _____

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF GUILFORD

I certify that the following person personally appeared before me this day, acknowledging to me that he signed the foregoing document: Mark Walling.

Date: June 29, 2020



Print Name: Madonna A. Evans

Notary Public

(Official Seal)

My Commission expires: 3-18-2023



SCHEDULE A TO
TRADEMARK SECURITY AGREEMENT

Trademarks Registered

<u>Mark</u>	<u>Registration No.</u>	<u>Registration Date</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
American Valve	6072581	6/9/2020	6/9/2030
Scalerx	5886578	10/15/19	10/15/29
Hudson Brass Works	5119909	1/10/17	1/10/27
ARIA	5065517	10/18/16	10/18/26
Hudson Brass Works	4998942	7/12/16	7/12/26
4000 and Design	4076790	12/27/11	12/27/21
ViperLok	3562286	1/13/09	2/13/28
4000 Series and Design	2450532	5/15/01	5/27/20
American Valve and Design	1745513	1/12/93	1/16/23
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American Valve	1745514	1/12/93	1/16/23
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