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REQUEST

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P-1611-PCT

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION	
VALVE INDICATOR AND RELATED METHODS	
Box No. II APPLICANT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This person is also inventor	
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State (that is, country) of nationality: US	State (that is, country) of residence: US
This person is applicant for the purposes of: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> all designated States <input type="checkbox"/> the States indicated in the Supplemental Box	
Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet.	
Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	
The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agent <input type="checkbox"/> common representative	
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E-mail authorization: Marking one of the check-boxes below authorizes the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Bureau and the International Preliminary Examining Authority to use the e-mail address indicated in this Box to send, notifications issued in respect of this international application to that e-mail address if those offices are willing to do so. <input type="checkbox"/> as advance copies followed by paper notifications; or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> exclusively in electronic form (no paper notifications will be sent). E-mail address: docket-ip@mcglinchey.com	
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Box No. V DESIGNATIONS

The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a) the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.

However,

- DE Germany is not designated for any kind of national protection
- JP Japan is not designated for any kind of national protection
- KR Republic of Korea is not designated for any kind of national protection

(The check-boxes above may only be used to exclude (irrevocably) the designations concerned if, at the time of filing or subsequently under Rule 26bis.1, the international application contains in Box No. VI a priority claim to an earlier national application filed in the particular State concerned, in order to avoid the ceasing of the effect, under the national law, of this earlier national application.)

Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM AND DOCUMENT

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application: regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 07/December/2018 07/12/2018	62/776,655	US		
item (2)				
item (3)				

Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

Furnishing the priority document(s):

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application(s) was filed with the receiving Office which, for the purposes of this international application, is the receiving Office) identified above as:

- all items item (1) item (2) item (3) other, see Supplemental Box

The International Bureau is requested to obtain from a digital library a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above, using, where applicable, the access code(s) indicated below (if the earlier application(s) is available to it from a digital library):

- item (1) access code _____ item (2) access code _____ item (3) access code _____ other, see Supplemental Box

Restore the right of priority: the receiving Office is requested to restore the right of priority for the earlier application(s) identified above or in the Supplemental Box as item(s) (_____). (See also the Notes to Box No. VI; further information must be provided to support a request to restore the right of priority.)

Incorporation by reference: where an element of the international application referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) or a part of the description, claims or drawings referred to in Rule 20.5(a) is not otherwise contained in this international application but is completely contained in an earlier application whose priority is claimed on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, that element or part is, subject to confirmation under Rule 20.6, incorporated by reference in this international application for the purposes of Rule 20.6.

Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if more than one International Searching Authority is competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):

ISA/ US

Continuation of Box No. VII USE OF EARLIER SEARCH AND CLASSIFICATION RESULTS		
1. Request by the applicant under Rule 4.12		
1.1	<input type="checkbox"/> The ISA indicated in Box No. VII is requested to take into account the results of the earlier search(es) indicated below (see also Notes to Continuation of Box No. VII, item 1; use of results of more than one earlier search)	
Filing date (day/month/year)	Application Number	Country (or regional Office)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statement (Rule 4.12(ii)): this international application is the same, or substantially the same, as the application in respect of which the earlier search was carried out except, where applicable, that it is filed in a different language.	
1.2 Submission of the earlier search results, where necessary*		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Availability of documents (Rules 12bis.1(c) and (d) and 12bis.2(b)): the following documents are available to the ISA in a form and a manner acceptable to it, and therefore DO NOT need to be submitted by the applicant to the receiving Office, or to the ISA.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	a copy of the results of the earlier search,	
<input type="checkbox"/>	a copy of the earlier application,	
<input type="checkbox"/>	a translation of the earlier application into a language which is accepted by the ISA,	
<input type="checkbox"/>	a translation of the results of the earlier search into a language which is accepted by the ISA,	
<input type="checkbox"/>	a copy of any document cited in the earlier search results (if known, please indicate below the documents available to the ISA):	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request from the applicant to the receiving Office to transmit to the ISA a copy of the earlier search results (Rule 12bis.1(b) and (d)): (where the earlier search was not carried out by the ISA indicated in Box No. VII but by the same Office as that which is acting as receiving Office; or where the earlier search results are otherwise available to the receiving Office): the applicant requests the receiving Office to prepare and transmit to the ISA a copy of the earlier search results.	
* The applicant only needs to furnish a copy of the earlier search results to the receiving Office, or the ISA, if none of the scenarios mentioned under item 1 applies. (See item 10 in the check-list and also Notes to Continuation of Box No. VII, item 1).		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Further earlier searches are indicated on a continuation sheet.	
2. Transmission of the earlier search and classification results to the ISA by the receiving Office where the applicant DID NOT make a request under Rule 4.12		
2.1	Where the international application claims priority of an earlier application, subject to Article 30(2)(a) and (3), the receiving Office:	
	– shall transmit a copy of the earlier search and classification results to the ISA (unless such copy is already available to the ISA), where the earlier application was filed with the same Office as that which is acting as the receiving Office and that Office has carried out the earlier search in respect of the earlier application (Rule 23bis.2(a));	
	– may transmit such a copy if the earlier application was filed with a different Office, but where the results of that earlier search and classification are nevertheless available to the receiving Office (Rule 23bis.2(c)).	
However, where the applicant did not request the receiving Office to transmit to the ISA a copy of the earlier search results under Rule 4.12 (see above item 1), in respect of an earlier search carried out on the following earlier application, the priority of which is subsequently claimed in this international application, the applicant may consider (see also Notes to Continuation of Box No. VII, item 2; use of more than one earlier search):		
Filing date (day/month/year)	Application Number	Country (or regional Office)
2.2	Request not to transmit the earlier search results by the receiving Office to the ISA (Rule 23bis.2(b))	
<input type="checkbox"/>	to request that the receiving Office DOES NOT transmit the results of the earlier search to the ISA (Rule 23bis.2(b)) (may only be checked where the international application is filed with the following receiving Offices: DE, FI and SE)	
2.3	Authorization to transmit the earlier search and classification results by the receiving Office to the ISA (Rule 23bis.2(a) and (c))	
<input type="checkbox"/>	to authorize the receiving Office to transmit the results of the earlier search and classification to the ISA (Rule 23bis.2(c)) (may only be checked where the international application is filed with the following receiving Offices: AU, CZ, FI, HU, IL, JP, NO, SE, SG and US)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	to authorize the receiving Office to transmit the results of the earlier international search and classification to the ISA (Rule 23bis.2(a) and Article 30(2)(a) and (3)) (may only be checked where the earlier search concerns an international application , the priority of which is subsequently claimed in this international application and where the earlier international search was carried out by a different ISA than the ISA chosen in Box No. VII)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Further earlier searches are indicated on a continuation sheet.	
Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS		
The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):		Number of declarations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII (i) Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII (ii) Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	:
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII (iii) Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII (iv) Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	1
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII (v) Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	:

Box No. VIII (iv) DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)

The declaration must conform to the following standardized wording provided for in Section 214; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iv). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

**Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))
for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:**

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the application.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/..... (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26ter).

I hereby declare that the above-identified international application was made or authorized to be made by me.

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

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This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iv)".

Box No. IX CHECK LIST for EFS-Web filings - this sheet is only to be used when filing an international application with RO/US via **EFS-Web**

This international application contains the following:	Number of sheets	This international application is accompanied by the following item(s) (mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in right column the number of each item):	Number of items
(a) request form PCT/RO/101 (including any declarations and supplemental sheets)	5	1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet.	1
(b) description (excluding any sequence listing part of the description, see (f), below)	20	2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney	
(c) claims	4	3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney	
(d) abstract	1	4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number:	
(e) drawings (if any)	12	5. <input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s)	
(f) sequence listing part of the description in the form of an image file (e.g. PDF)		6. <input type="checkbox"/> Translation of international application into (language):	
Total number of sheets (including the sequence listing part of the description if filed as an image file)	42	7. <input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material	
(g) sequence listing part of the description		8. <input type="checkbox"/> (only where item (f) is marked in the left column) copy of the sequence listing in electronic form (Annex C/ST.25 text file) not forming part of the international application but furnished only for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter.	
<input type="checkbox"/> filed in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file		9. <input type="checkbox"/> (only where item (f) (in the left column) and item 8 (above) are marked) a statement confirming that "the information recorded in electronic form submitted under Rule 13ter is identical to the sequence listing as contained in the international application" as filed via EFS-Web:	
<input type="checkbox"/> WILL BE filed separately on physical data carrier(s), on the same day and in the form of an Annex C/ST.25 text file		10. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of results of earlier search(es) (Rule 12bis.1(a))	
Indicate type and number of physical data carrier(s)		11. <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify):	

Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract: 1	Language of filing of the international application: English
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Box No. X SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE
Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).

/Christopher S. Nichols/

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1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application: 06 December 2019 (06.12.2019)	2. Drawings: <input type="checkbox"/> received: <input type="checkbox"/> not received:
3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:	
4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):	
5. International Searching Authority (if two or more are competent): /US	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid

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