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LAFAYETTE-OPELOUSAS DIVISION

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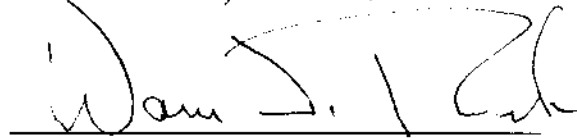
DEFENDANT'S NOTICE OF APPEAL

Notice is hereby given that Defendant Specialty Rental Tools & Supply, L.P., formerly known as Specialty Rental Tools & Supply, Inc. in the above styled and captioned cause, hereby appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit from the 11/17/2003 JUDGMENT granting motion for award of attorney fees, the 08/18/2004 ORDER re Report and Recommendations, awarding Boyd's Bit Service attorney fees, costs, and expenses plus post-judgment interest, and the 08/18/2004 ORDER denying Motion to Amend/Correct.

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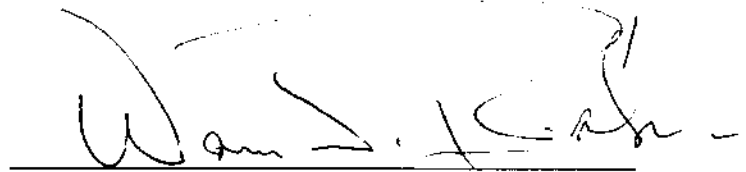


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Appeal upon attorney of record on this 17th day of September, 2004, by depositing same in the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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