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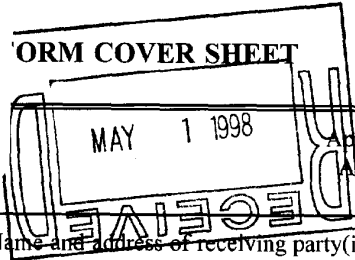
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ASSIGNMENT

THIS ASSIGNMENT, made by us, Robert A. DiChiara, Jr., citizen of the United States of America, residing at San Diego, San Diego County, California and Robert A. Jurf, citizen of the United States of America, residing at San Diego, San Diego County, California, respectively;

WITNESSETH: That,

WHEREAS, we are the joint inventors of certain new and useful improvements in **METHOD OF REPAIRING POROUS CERAMIC BODIES AND CERAMIC COMPOSITION FOR SAME** for which an application for United States Letters Patent has been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 29, 1997, under Serial No. 08/959,771, and

WHEREAS, McDonnell Douglas Corporation, a Maryland corporation having a principal place of business at St. Louis County, Missouri, hereinafter referred to as assignee, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in and to said invention as described in said application, and in and to any and all Letters Patent which shall be granted therefor in the United States of America and all foreign countries;

NOW, THEREFORE, To Whom It May Concern, be it known that for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we have sold and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer, and convey unto the said assignee, its successors and assigns, the entire right, title, and interest in and to the said invention and application, and in and to any and all continuations, continuations-in-part, or divisions thereof, and in and to any and all Letters Patent of the United States of America and all foreign countries or reissues thereof which may be granted therefor or thereon, for the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, together with the right to claim the priority of said application in all foreign countries in accordance with the International Convention, the same to be held and enjoyed by said assignee, its successors and assigns, as fully and entirely as the same would have been

held and enjoyed by me if this assignment and sale had not been made.

We hereby request that said Letters Patent be issued in accordance with this assignment.

We further covenant and agree that, at the time of the execution and delivery of these presents, we possess full title to the invention and application above-mentioned, and that we have the unencumbered right and authority to make this assignment.

We further covenant and agree to bind our heirs, legal representatives, and assigns promptly to communicate to said assignee or its representatives any facts known to us relating to said invention, to testify in any interference or legal proceedings involving said invention, to execute any additional papers which may be requested to confirm the right of the assignee, its representatives, successors, or assigns to secure patent or similar protection for the said invention in all countries and to vest in the assignee complete title to the said invention and Letters Patent, without further compensation, but at the expense of said assignee, its successors, assigns, and other legal representatives.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals on this 13th day of April, 1998.

Robert A. DiChiara, Jr. (SEAL)
Robert A. DiChiara, Jr.

STATE OF California)
COUNTY OF Orange) ss:

Before me personally appeared Robert A. DiChiara, Jr., to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes therein stated, this 13th day of April, 1998.

SEAL Patricia Knapp
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2-6-2001



