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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, Slurry Systems, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, and having a principal place of business at 6515 E. Melton Road, Gary, Indiana 46403 (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNOR"), is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention entitled:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING SUCCESSIVE OVERLAPPING VOIDS IN THE GROUND ALONG A PREDETERMINED COURSE OF TRAVEL AND FOR PRODUCING A SUBTERRANEAN WALL THEREIN

for which invention an application for Letters Patent of the United States was executed on June 11, 1996, under Serial No. 08/661,814 (hereinafter referred to as the "Patent"), as evidenced by the assignment executed by the inventors on June 10, 1996, and recorded in the assignment records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 8, 1996, under Reel 8023 and Frame 0065, and

WHEREAS, Dana A. Schmednecht, of 1312 Indiana Avenue, La Porte, Indiana 46350 (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title, and interest in, to, and under the Patent and any other similar legal protection to be obtained therefor in the United States of America, and its territorial possessions.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR hereby sells, assigns, transfers, and sets over unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, the full and exclusive right, title and interest to the Patent and to all patents and similar legal protection in the United States and its territorial possessions to be obtained therefor, as well as any continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, renewal, substitute, or reissue thereof or any legal equivalent thereof in the U.S. for the full term or terms for which the same may be granted, including all priority rights under the International Convention, and ASSIGNOR hereby authorizes and requests the U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any said U.S. patents and any legal equivalents thereof to said ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, in accordance with this Assignment. ASSIGNOR assigns to said ASSIGNEE the right to sue and recover for past, present, and future infringement of any of the foregoing.

ASSIGNOR DOES HEREBY CONVEY and agree with the Assignee that Assignor will not execute any writing or do any act whatsoever conflicting with the terms of this assignment document set forth herein, and that Assignor will at any time upon request, without further or additional consideration, but at the expense of the Assignee, execute such additional assignments and other writings and do such additional acts as the Assignee may deem necessary or desirable to perfect the Assignee's enjoyment of this grant, and render all necessary assistance in making application for and obtaining original, continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional, renewal, reissued, or extended Letters Patents of the United States on the invention, and in enforcing any rights or choses of action accruing as a result of such applications or patents, and by executing statements and other affidavits, it being understood that the foregoing covenant and agreement shall bind, and inure to the benefit of, the assigns and legal representatives of both parties.

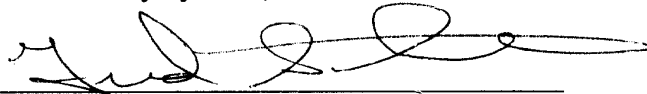
ASSIGNOR hereby covenants that no assignment, sale, agreement, or encumbrance has been or will be made or entered into which would conflict with this Assignment.

ASSIGNOR further agrees that it shall hereafter at the request and expense of ASSIGNEE, execute, acknowledge and deliver all such documents and instruments, as may be reasonably required to evidence or effectuate the sale, conveyance, assignment, transfer, and delivery to ASSIGNEE of the Patent.

Date: 5/12, 1998

Slurry Systems, Inc.

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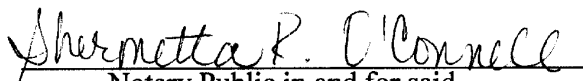
Fred C. Schmednecht
President

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF LAKE)

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On this 12TH day of May, 1998, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Fred C. Schmednecht, known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



Notary Public in and for said
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