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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, I, COY FIELDER of Houston, Harris County, Texas, have coinvented a certain new invention for an IMPROVED CUTTING ELEMENT for which I am about to make application for United States Letters Patent, the said application having been executed on January 23,, 1998; and

WHEREAS, DIAMOND PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL, INC., a corporation of the State of Texas, having offices at 15955 W. Hardy, Suite 300, Houston, Texas 77060 (hereinafter referred to as "DPII") and TOTAL, a corporation of the Country of France, having offices at 24 Cours Michlelet, Cedex 47 92069 Paris La Defense, Paris, France (hereinafter "TOTAL") is each desirous of acquiring an undivided one half interest in my rights, title and interest in and to the invention, and in and to the said application and any Letters Patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, I do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said DPII and TOTAL, their successors, assigns and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to said application and all patents which may be granted therefor, including all choses in action arising therefrom, and all divisions, reissues, substitutions, continuations, continuations-in-part and extensions thereof; and I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents for said invention, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as my interest is concerned, to DPII and TOTAL of my entire right, title and interest.

I also hereby sell and assign to both DPII and TOTAL, their successors, assigns and legal representatives the full and exclusive rights, title, interest and all choses in action to the invention disclosed in said application throughout the world, including the right to file applications and obtain patents, utility models, industrial models and designs for said invention jointly in their name throughout the world including all rights of priority, all rights to publish cautionary notices reserving ownership of said invention and all rights to register said invention in appropriate registries; and I further agree to execute any and all powers of attorney, applications, assignments, declarations, affidavits, and any other papers in connection therewith necessary to perfect such rights, title and interest in ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

I hereby further agree that I will communicate to both DPII and TOTAL, or to their successors, assigns and legal representatives, any facts known to me respecting any improvements; and, at the expense of DPII and TOTAL, to testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue and substitute applications, and make all lawful oaths, and generally do everything possible to vest title in DPII and TOTAL and to aid both DPII and TOTAL, their successors, assigns and legal representatives to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

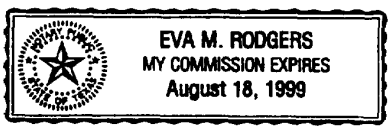
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23 day of January, 1998.

Coy M. Fielder
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STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF HARRIS §

On this 23 day of January, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Coy Fielder known by me to be the person of the above name who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his own free act and deed.



Eva M. Rodgers
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
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WHEREAS, I, MICHAEL THIGPEN of Houston, Harris County, Texas, have coined a certain new invention for an IMPROVED CUTTING ELEMENT for which I am about to make application for United States Letters Patent, the said application having been executed on January 23, 1998; and

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Michael Thigpen
MICHAEL THIGPEN

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On this 23 day of January, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Michael Thigpen known by me to be the person of the above name who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his own free act and deed.



Eva M. Rodgers
Notary Public

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