

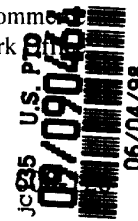
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<p>5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:</p> <p>Name: Leonard C. Mitchard Internal Address: Street Address: Nixon & Vanderhye P.C. 1100 North Glebe Road 8th Floor City: Arlington State: VA Zip: 22201</p>	<p>6. Total number of applications & patents involved: 1</p> <p>7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ 40.00 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enclosed <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized to be charged to deposit account #14-1140</p> <p>8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper thereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140.</p>
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<p>Leonard C. Mitchard Name of Person Signing Reg. No. 29,009</p>	<p> Signature June 4, 1998 Date</p>
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, Simon Neil DUNCUM, Keith JAMES and Christopher George OSBORNE all of British nationality, residing at 6 Cressida Chase, Warfield, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG42 3UD, United Kingdom, 69 Rectory Lane, Woodmansterne, Banstead, Surrey, SM7 3PE, United Kingdom and 66 Mickle Hill, Little Sandhurst, Camberley, Surrey, GU17 8QU, United Kingdom, respectively have invented certain new and useful improvements in "Inhibitors" for which WE have executed application for Letters Patent of the United States on the 22nd & 26th days of May 1998.

AND, WHEREAS BP Exploration Operating Company Limited having place of business at Britannic House, 1 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7BA, United Kingdom is desirous of obtaining the entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said application; and all Letters Patent which may be issued thereupon in the United States;

NOW THEREFORE, for valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which is hereby acknowledged, WE, the said Simon Neil DUNCUM, Keith JAMES and Christopher George OSBORNE have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto BP Exploration Operating Company Limited their successors, legal representatives and assigns, the entire right, titles and interest in, to and under the said application, and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Letters Patent of the United States which may be granted thereon, and all reissues and extensions thereof; and we hereby authorise and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States to issue all Letters Patent for said improvements in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant that WE have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that WE have not executed, and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the assignee herein, its successors, legal representatives and assigns any facts known to us respecting said improvements, and testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful declarations, and generally do everything possible to aid the assignee herein, its successors, legal representatives and assigns in obtaining and enforcing proper patent protection for said improvements in the United States.

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26.05.98

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