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WHEREAS, M-I L.L.C., a limited liability company created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the aforesaid invention throughout the world, and all right, title and interest in, to and under any and all Letters Patent of the United States and all other countries throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to me in hand paid by M-I L.L.C. and for other good and valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, I hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to M-I L.L.C. all right, title and interest in and to the said invention throughout the world, and said application for U.S. Letters Patent, and any and all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part and reissues thereof, and any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries which may be granted therefor, the same to be held and enjoyed by M-I L.L.C. for its own use and benefit, and for the use and benefit of its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives, to the end of the term or terms for which said Letters Patent of the United States or foreign countries are or may be granted or reissued, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by me if this assignment and sale had not been made.

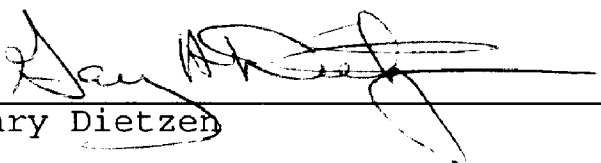
And I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue any and all Letters Patent of the United States on said invention or resulting from said application and from any and all divisions, continuations, continuations-in-part and reissues thereof, to M-I L.L.C. as assignee of my entire interest, and hereby covenant that I have the full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that I have not executed and will not execute any agreement in conflict herewith.

And I further hereby covenant and agree that I will, at any time, upon request, execute and deliver any and all papers that may be necessary or desirable to perfect the title of said invention and to such Letters Patent as may be granted therefor, to M-I L.L.C., its successors, assigns, or other legal representatives and that if M-I L.L.C., its successors, assigns or other legal representatives shall desire to file any divisional, continuation or continuation-in-part applications or to secure a reissue of such Letters Patent, or to file a disclaimer relating thereto, will upon request, sign all papers, make all rightful oaths and do all

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