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ASSIGNMENT


WHEREAS, I, JOSEPH A. ZUPANICK, of Pineville, West Virginia, a citizen of the United States of America, have invented useful improvements in METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF GAS FROM A COAL SEAM; for which I have made application for Letters Patent of the United States based thereon, executing the Declaration therefor on the 17th day of November, 1998, and

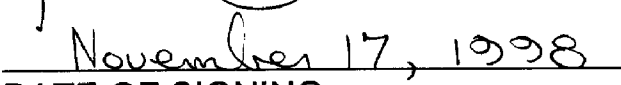
WHEREAS, CDX GAS, L.L.C., a Texas limited liability company having a place of business at 5485 Beltline Road, Suite 280, Dallas, Texas 75240, is desirous of acquiring certain rights thereunder;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of ONE DOLLAR to me in hand paid, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I agree to and do hereby sell, assign and transfer to said CDX GAS, L.L.C., its successors and assigns, all my right, title, and interest throughout the United States of America (including its territories and dependencies) and all countries foreign thereto, in and to said application and the invention disclosed therein, including divisional, continuation or reissue applications based in whole or in part on said United States application or in whole or in part on said invention, and any foreign applications based in whole or in part on any of the aforesaid United States applications or in whole or in part on said invention, and all patents (including extensions thereof) of any country which have been or may be granted on any of the aforesaid applications or on said invention or any part thereof;

AND I hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States of America to issue any and all United States patents which may be granted upon said United States applications or any of them, or upon said invention or any part thereof, to said CDX GAS, L.L.C.

EXECUTED at Pineville, West Virginia, on the date indicated below.



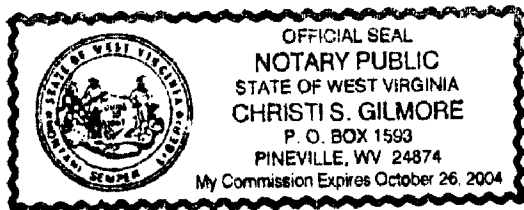
JOSEPH A. ZUPANICK


DATE OF SIGNING

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COUNTY OF WYOMING §

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared JOSEPH A. ZUPANICK, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 17th day of November, 1998.



(SEAL)

Christi S. Gilmore
Notary Public in and for
the State of West Virginia

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My Commission expires:
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