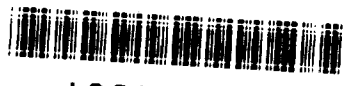


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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, We, Roy F. House and Jack C. Cowan,
 and _____, and _____,
 all citizens of the United States of America, and residents of Houston, Texas, and
Lafayette, Louisiana, and _____, and _____, respectively,
 have made an invention in Chitosan-Containing Well Drilling and Servicing Fluids

 for which we have executed an application for United States Letters Patent on the 2st day of
December, 1998, and 14th day of December, 1998, and _____ day of
 _____, 19____, and _____ day of _____, 19____, respectively;

WHEREAS, We represent and warrant that we are together the owners of the entire right, title, and
 interest in and to said invention and application for Letters Patent;

WHEREAS, Venture Innovations, Inc.
 of _____, is desirous of acquiring the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and for other good and
 valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficient of which is hereby acknowledged by us, we have
 assigned, sold, transferred and set over by these presents to assign, sell, transfer and set over onto said
Venture Innovations, Inc. the entire right, title and interest in and to (a) said
 invention and substitutions thereof, (b) said application, including all divisions, continuations,
 continuations-in-art and substitutions thereof, and (c) all United States and foreign patents which shall
 issue on said invention, including all reissues, renewals and extensions thereof, for the United States, its
 territories and possessions and all foreign countries, including the right to file applications for Letters
 Patent on said invention in any and all foreign countries, the same to be held and enjoyed by said
Venture Innovations, Inc., its assigns and successors, as fully and entirely as the
 same would have been held and enjoyed by us, had this assignment and sale not been made.

Each of us covenants and agrees that he will, at any time upon the request and at the expense of
 said Venture Innovations, Inc., execute and deliver any and all papers and
 do all lawful acts that may be necessary or desirable, in the opinion of said
Venture Innovations, Inc., to enable and assist said
Venture Innovations, Inc. to (a) obtain Letters Patent, both domestic and
 foreign, on said invention, (b) establish, maintain and secure title in said
Venture Innovations, Inc., its successors and assigns, to said invention,
 application and Letters Patent, including making such title of lawful public record, and (c) defend,
 establish or otherwise preserve the validity of said Letters Patent against any and all infringers, and
 perform such other acts as are necessary to give full force and effect to this assignment.

We hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents of the United States to issue all
 Letters patent based on said application and all said divisions, continuations, continuations-in-art,
 reissues, renewals and extensions to said Venture Innovations, Inc. its successors and
 assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have duly executed this 21st day of December, 1998, and this 14th day of December, 1998, and this _____, day of _____, 19____, and this _____ day of _____, 19____, respectively.

Roy F. House
Jack C. Cowan
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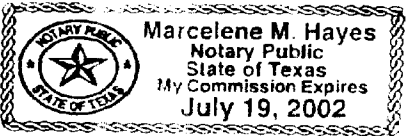
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BEFORE me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Roy F. House, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this 21 day of Dec, A.D. 19 98.

Marcelene M. Hayes
Notary Public

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
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BEFORE me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Jack C. Cowan, 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 14th day of December, A.D. 19 98.

Richard Freeman
Notary Public

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____)
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BEFORE me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared _____, 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 _____ day of _____, A.D. 19 _____.

Notary Public

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